

## 8. RELATIONS OF MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS WITH SPAIN

At the second part of its First Session, the General Assembly, after lengthy discussion concerning the relations of Members of the United Nations with Spain, adopted a resolution which embodied three principal recommendations:<sup>1</sup>

- (1) The Franco Government should be "debarred from membership in international agencies established by or brought into relationship with the United Nations, and from participation in conferences or other activities which may be arranged by the United Nations or by these agencies . . .
- (2) If within a reasonable time, there is not established (in Spain) a government which derives its authority from the consent of the governed, committed to respect freedom of speech, religion and assembly and to the prompt holding of an election in which the Spanish people, free from force and intimidation, and regardless of party, may express their will, the Security Council [should] consider the adequate measures to be taken in order to remedy the situation . . .
- (3) All Members of the United Nations [should] immediately recall from Madrid their Ambassadors and Ministers Plenipotentiary accredited there."

In compliance with this resolution, the Secretary-General, on December 20, 1946, sent a circular telegram to Member Governments requesting that he be informed as soon as possible of action taken in accordance with the Assembly resolution relating to the recall from Madrid of Ambassadors and Ministers Plenipotentiary accredited there. Replies were received from the United Kingdom, the Netherlands and El Salvador stating that they had recalled their Ambassadors or Ministers. Nineteen States stated that they had no Ambassadors nor Ministers Plenipotentiary accredited to Spain at the time of the General Assembly resolution. Thirty States, including Canada, informed the Secretary-General that they had had no diplomatic relations with the Franco Government at the

<sup>1</sup>For a full summary of discussions at the Second Part of the First Session of the General Assembly concerning relations with Spain, see *The United Nations 1946*, published by the Department of External Affairs, Conference Series No. 3, 1946, pp. 51 to 58.