

The following is the text of the resolution (U.N. Doc. A/2520) passed by the Ad Hoc Committee of the eighth session of the General Assembly on October 15, 1953, dealing with the admission of new members. It was passed by a unanimous vote of the Committee, i.e. 60 in favour, none against and none abstaining. In a plenary meeting on October 23, 1953 the resolution was adopted without change by a unanimous vote of the General Assembly.

It is of interest to note that there are at present twenty-one applications for membership outstanding, but no applicants have been admitted since Indonesia became the sixtieth member in September 1950. Outstanding applicants are as follows:

States sponsored by the U.S.S.R.:

Albania, Bulgaria, Hungary, the Mongolian People's Republic, North Korea, "the Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam" (Viet-Minh) and Roumania;

Other States:

Austria, Cambodia, Ceylon, Finland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, the Republic of Korea, Laos, Libya, Nepal, Portugal and Viet-Nam.

"The General Assembly,

Having examined the report of the Special Committee on Admission of New Members (A/2400),

Considering that universality of membership in the United Nations is subject only to the provisions of the Charter,

Considering that the aims of the Charter of the United Nations would be furthered through the co-operation of all peace-loving States,

Believing that a new effort to find a solution to this problem should be without prejudice to the juridical positions maintained by individual Members of the United Nations and to any further consideration of the subject by the General Assembly,

1. Decides to establish a Committee of Good Offices, consisting of the representatives of Egypt, the Netherlands and Peru, empowered to consult with members of the Security Council with the object of exploring the possibilities of reaching an understanding which would facilitate the admission of new Members in accordance with Article 4 of the Charter;

2. Requests the Committee of Good Offices to submit a report on its work to the General Assembly at its eighth or, at the latest, at its ninth session."