

Requests the Secretary-General to notify all Member States of the date on which the Special Committee shall meet.

Decides that:

As from 1 January 1955 there shall be established a Special Indemnity Fund;

Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 7 of General Assembly resolution 359(IV) of 10 December 1949 and the provisions of financial regulations 6.1 and 7.1, the Secretary-General is authorized to transfer to the Fund from the income from staff assessment, as a first charge against such income, on 1 January 1955, an amount of \$250,000 and on 1 January 1956 such amount as will, when added to the balance remaining in the Fund on that date, bring the credit in the Fund up to an amount of \$250,000;

The Secretary-General is authorized to charge against the Fund all payments to staff members of the United Nations arising out of awards of compensation made in accordance with its Statute by the Administrative Tribunal.

Statement of December 17, 1954

It gives me great pleasure to introduce to the Assembly an amendment to the draft resolution which has been recommended by the Fifth Committee on the awards of compensation of the Administrative Tribunal. This amendment is before you in document A/L 192 co-sponsored by 15 member states.

To my delegation and the other sponsors of this amendment, it seemed apparent that many member states were not entirely satisfied with either of the alternative wordings of the resolution which was before them in the Fifth Committee. A slightly different version would, it appeared, have been more widely accepted and the wishes of the majority of member states would have been much more clearly expressed. The co-sponsors of the original resolution, therefore, consulted with other member states in an attempt to devise an amendment which would be acceptable to the great majority of delegations. We are hopeful that the amendment which is now before us achieves this end.

All delegations are aware that in the course of discussion of this item in the Fifth Committee, there was a continuous process of compromise. The first draft resolution on this subject, proposed by Argentina and the United States, was withdrawn in favour of a greatly modified resolution with wider sponsorship. Certain amendments to this resolution were subsequently suggested and accepted by the sponsors. Other amendments did not prove acceptable to the sponsors of the resolution but were approved