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QUESTION OF EQUITABLE REPRESENTATION ON THE SECURITY COUNCIL
AND THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica,
Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala,
Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama,
Paraguay, Peru, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay and Venezuela:
revised joint draft resolution

The General Assembly,

Recognizing that the increase in the membership of the United Nations makes it necessary to enlarge the membership of the Security Council, thus providing for a more adequate geographical representation of non-permanent members and making it a more effective organ for carrying out its functions under the Charter;

Bearing in mind the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee on Arrangements for a Conference for the Purpose of Reviewing the Charter, contained in document A/5487 and its Annex;

1. Decides to adopt, in accordance with Article 108, the following amendments to the Charter and submit them for ratification by the Members of the United Nations:

(a) In Article 23 (1) of the Charter, the word "eleven" in the first sentence shall be replaced by the word "thirteen" and the word "six" in the third sentence by the word "eight".

(b) In Article 23, the second sentence of paragraph 2 shall read:
"However, (a) in the first election of the non-permanent members, three shall be chosen for a term of one year, and (b) in the first election of the non-permanent members after the increase of the membership of the Security Council from eleven to thirteen, one of the two additional members shall be chosen for a term of one year."

(c) In Article 27 (2), the word "seven" shall be replaced by the word "eight".

(d) In Article 27 (3), the word "seven" shall be replaced by the word "eight".

2. Further decides that these amendments shall be inoperative unless, within two years from the date of their adoption by the General Assembly, they are ratified as required by Article 108 of the Charter.

3. Urges all Members of the United Nations to ratify the above amendments in accordance with their respective constitutional processes, with the least possible delay.
