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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: 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 Economic and Social Council, with a view to providing for a more adequate geographical representation therein, and making it a more effective organ for carrying out its functions under Chapters IX and X of the Charter;

Recalling resolutions 974 C and D (XXXVI) of the Economic and Social Council;

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) Article 61 (1) shall read:

"1. The Economic and Social Council shall consist of twenty-four members of the United Nations elected by the General Assembly".

(b) Article 61 (2) shall read:

"2. Subject to the provisions of paragraphs 3 and 4, eight members of the Economic and Social Council shall be elected each year for a term of three years. A retiring member shall be eligible for immediate re-election."

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(c) In Article 61 the following new paragraph 4 shall be inserted:

"4. Of the six additional members of the Economic and Social Council first elected after the increase in the membership of the Council from eighteen to twenty-four becomes effective, two shall be replaced at each of the next three regular elections, in accordance with arrangements to be made by the General Assembly."

(d) The present paragraph 4 of Article 61 shall be renumbered 5.

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.

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