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

Algeria, Burundi, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Ceylon, Chad, Congo (Brazzaville), Congo (Leopoldville), Cyprus, Dahomey, Ethiopia, Gabon, Ghana, Guinea, India, Ivory Coast, Liberia, Libya, Madagascar, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, Nepal, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Sudan, Tanganyika, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, United Arab Republic and Upper Volta: joint draft resolution

The General Assembly,

Considering that the present composition of the Economic and Social Council is inequitable and unbalanced,

Recognizing that the increase in the membership of the United Nations makes it necessary to enlarge the membership of the Economic and Social Council, thus providing for a more adequate and equitable geographical representation therein, as well as making it a more effective organ for carrying out its functions under Chapters IX and X of the Charter,

Recalling resolutions 974 (XXXVI) C and D 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 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:

Article 61 shall read:

1. The Economic and Social Council shall consist of twenty-seven Members of the United Nations elected by the General Assembly.
 2. Subject to the provisions of paragraph 3, nine 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.
 3. At the first election following the increase in membership of the Economic and Social Council from eighteen to twenty-seven members, fifteen members of the Council shall be chosen. The term of office of three members so chosen shall expire at the end of one year, and of three other members at the end of two years, in accordance with arrangements made by the General Assembly.
 4. Each member of the Economic and Social Council shall have one representative.
2. Calls upon all Members of the United Nations to ratify the above amendments in accordance with their respective constitutional processes by 1 September 1965, as required by Article 108 of the Charter.
 3. Decides that eight of the nine additional members of the Economic and Social Council shall be elected from among the African and Asian Members. The ninth member shall be elected from each of the geographical regions by rotation.
