

6. *Requests* the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, as it deems appropriate, to review this report and submit its comments to the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly.

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*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 1472 (XIV) of 12 December 1959,

*Noting* that the terms of office of the members of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space expire at the end of 1961,

*Noting* the report of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (A/4987),

1. *Decides* to continue the membership of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space as set forth in General Assembly resolution 1472 (XIV) and to add Nigeria and Chad to its membership in recognition of the increased membership of the United Nations since the Committee was established;

2. *Requests* the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space to meet early in 1962 to carry out its mandate as contained in General Assembly resolution 1472 (XIV), to review the activities provided for in resolutions A, B, C and D above and to make such reports as it may consider appropriate.

## DOCUMENT A/C.5/909

**Financial implications of the draft resolution submitted by the First Committee in document A/5026**

**Note by the Secretary-General**

[Original text: English]  
[13 December 1961]

1. The First Committee at its 1214th meeting, on 11 December 1961, adopted a draft resolution calling on the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space to undertake a number of new tasks in 1962 (A/5026, para. 9).

2. In accordance with rule 154 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General submits the following statement of the financial implications which might result from the implementation of the draft resolution.

3. The new tasks assigned to the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space will almost certainly necessitate a strengthening of the servicing staff. The Secretary-General will endeavour to meet these needs in so far as possible from within existing resources of the Secretariat.

4. However, in the event that recourse to temporary recruitment of additional substantive and clerical staff becomes necessary or, as may prove essential, the employment of some technical scientific experts is required to assist the Committee in its work, the Secretary-General will report fully to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions as soon as the related financial implications can be assessed.

5. Should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution, it would be the intention of the Secretary-General to enter into commitments in 1962 in regard to such additional costs which might arise under paragraph 4 above under the terms of paragraph 1 of the resolution relating to unforeseen and extraordinary expenses for the financial year 1962.

## DOCUMENT A/5026

**Report of the First Committee**

[Original text: English]  
[13 December 1961]

1. At the fifteenth session of the General Assembly, the consideration of the item "Report of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space" had been deferred until the sixteenth session, as recommended by the First Committee in its report (A/4749), which had been noted by the General Assembly at its 995th plenary meeting. Accordingly, the item was included in the provisional agenda of the sixteenth session.

2. At its 1014th plenary meeting, on 25 September 1961, the General Assembly decided, on the recommendation of the General Committee (A/4882), to include the above-mentioned item in the agenda, and at its 1018th plenary meeting, on 27 September 1961, referred the item to the First Committee for consideration and report.

3. The Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space held its first organizational meeting on 27 No-

vember 1961, and submitted its report (A/4987) to the General Assembly.

4. At its 1209th meeting, on 30 November 1961, the First Committee decided to consider the item as the fifth item on its agenda.

5. The First Committee considered the item at its 1210th to 1214th meetings, between 4 December and 11 December 1961.

6. At the 1210th meeting on 4 December 1961, the representative of the United States introduced a draft resolution (A/C.1/L.301) sponsored by Australia, Canada, Italy and the United States of America. A revision of this draft resolution (A/C.1/L.301/Rev.1 and Rev.1/Corr.1) was submitted to the Committee on 11 December at its 1214th meeting, with the following sponsors: Albania, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Czechoslovakia,

France, Hungary, India, Iran, Italy, Japan, Lebanon, Mexico, Poland, Romania, Sweden, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Republic, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America.

7. The revised draft resolution took into consideration a number of points made in the course of the general debate on this item, and added four countries to the existing membership of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space.

8. At its 1214th meeting, the First Committee

unanimously adopted the revised draft resolution (C.1/L.301/Rev.1 and Rev.1/Corr.1).

### **Recommendation of the First Committee**

9. The First Committee therefore recommends the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

[Text adopted by the General Assembly with change. See "Action taken by the General Assembly below.]

## **DOCUMENT A/5051**

### **Financial implications of the draft resolution submitted by the First Committee in document A/5026**

#### **Report of the Fifth Committee**

[Original text: Spanish]  
[16 December 1961]

1. At its 904th meeting, held on 15 December 1961, the Fifth Committee considered, under rule 154 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the financial implications of the draft resolution submitted by the First Committee on international co-operation in the peaceful uses of outer space (A/5026, para. 9).

2. For this purpose the Fifth Committee had before it a note by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/909) with which, the Committee was informed, the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions concurred.

3. The Committee decided, without objection, to inform the General Assembly that the adoption of the draft resolution might give rise to additional expenditure during 1962 which could not be assessed with precision and which, if required, would be met by the Secretary-General under the provisions of the resolution relating to unforeseen and extraordinary expenses for the financial year 1962.

### **ACTION TAKEN BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

At its 1085th plenary meeting, on 20 December 1961, the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution submitted by the First Committee (A/5026, para. 9). For the final text, see resolution 1721 (XVI) below.

#### **Resolution adopted by the General Assembly**

1721 (XVI). INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION IN THE PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE

#### **A**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recognizing* the common interest of mankind in furthering the peaceful uses of outer space and the urgent need to strengthen international co-operation in this important field,

*Believing* that the exploration and use of outer space should be only for the betterment of mankind and to the benefit of States irrespective of the stage of their economic or scientific development,

1. *Commends* to States for their guidance in the exploration and use of outer space the following principles:

(a) International law, including the Charter of the United Nations, applies to outer space and celestial bodies;

(b) Outer space and celestial bodies are free for exploration and use by all States in conformity with in-

ternational law and are not subject to national appropriation;

2. *Invites* the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space to study and report on the legal problems which may arise from the exploration and use of outer space.

1085th plenary meeting  
20 December 1961

#### **B**

*The General Assembly,*

*Believing* that the United Nations should provide a focal point for international co-operation in the peaceful exploration and use of outer space,

1. *Calls upon* States launching objects into outer space to furnish information promptly to the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, through the Secretary-General, for the registration of launches;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to maintain a public registry of the information furnished in accordance with paragraph 1 above;