

54. Declaration of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity on the aerial and naval military attack against the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya by the present United States Administration in April 1986

This item was included in the agenda of the forty-first session of the General Assembly, in 1986, at the request of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya (A/41/241). At that session, the Assembly condemned the military attack perpetrated against the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya on 15 April 1986; called upon the Government of the United States of America to refrain from the threat or use of force in the settlement of disputes and differences with the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya; called upon all States to refrain from extending any assistance or facilities for perpetrating acts of aggression against the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya; affirmed the right of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya to receive appropriate compensation for the material and human losses inflicted upon it; requested the Security Council to remain seized of the matter; and requested the Secretary-General to report thereon to the Assembly at its forty-second session (resolution 41/38).

At its forty-second to fifty-third sessions, the General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item and to include it in the provisional agenda of its subsequent session (decisions 42/457, 43/417, 44/417, 45/429, 46/436, 47/463, 48/435, 49/444, 50/422, 51/432, 52/430 and 53/425).

At its fifty-fourth session,⁸⁹ the General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item and to include it in the provisional agenda of its fifty-fifth session (decision 54/424).

No advance documentation is expected.

55. Armed Israeli aggression against the Iraqi nuclear installations and its grave consequences for the established international system concerning the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and international peace and security

This item was included in the agenda of the thirty-sixth session of the General Assembly, in 1981, at the request of 43 Member States (A/36/194 and Add.1 and 2).

The General Assembly considered the item at its thirty-sixth to fortieth sessions (resolutions 36/27, 37/18, 38/9, 39/14 and 40/6).

At its forty-first session, the General Assembly called upon Israel urgently to place all its nuclear facilities under International Atomic Energy Agency safeguards in accordance with Security Council resolution 487 (1981); considered that Israel had not yet committed itself not to attack or threaten to attack nuclear facilities in Iraq or elsewhere, including facilities under Agency safeguards; reaffirmed that Iraq was entitled to compensation for the damage it had suffered as a result of the Israeli armed attack on 7 June 1981; and requested the Conference on Disarmament to continue negotiations with a view to reaching an immediate conclusion of the agreement on the prohibition of military attacks on nuclear facilities as a contribution to promoting and ensuring the safe development of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes (resolution 41/12).

⁸⁹ References for the fifty-fourth session (agenda item 54):

- (a) Decision 54/424;
- (b) Plenary meeting: A/54/PV.75.

At its forty-second and forty-third sessions, the General Assembly decided to retain the item on the agenda (decisions 42/460 and 43/459). At its forty-fourth to fifty-third sessions, the Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item and to include it in the provisional agenda of its subsequent session (decisions 44/470, 45/430, 46/442, 47/464, 48/436, 49/474, 50/444, 51/433, 52/431 and 53/426).

At its fifty-fourth session,⁹⁰ the General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item and to include it in the provisional agenda of its fifty-fifth session (decision 54/425).

No advance documentation is expected.

56. Consequences of the Iraqi occupation of and aggression against Kuwait

The item entitled “Iraqi aggression and the continued occupation of Kuwait in flagrant violation of the Charter of the United Nations” was included in the agenda of the forty-fifth session of the General Assembly, in 1990, at the request of Kuwait (A/45/233). At that session, the Assembly decided to retain the item on the agenda of its forty-fifth session (decision 45/455).

At its forty-sixth session, the General Assembly decided to retain the item on the agenda of that session under the new title “Consequences of the Iraqi occupation of and aggression against Kuwait” (see A/46/PV.3 and 79) and to include it in the provisional agenda of its forty-seventh session (decision 46/475).

At its forty-seventh to forty-ninth sessions, the General Assembly decided to retain the item on the agenda of those sessions (decisions 47/467, 48/484 and 49/474).

At its fiftieth to fifty-fourth⁹¹ sessions, the General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item and to include it in the provisional agenda of its subsequent session (decisions 50/445, 51/434, 52/432, 53/427 and 54/426).

No advance documentation is expected.

57. Implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations

This item was included in the agenda of the thirty-seventh session of the General Assembly, in 1982, at the request of Cyprus (A/37/245).

At its thirty-seventh to fifty-fourth sessions,⁹² the General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item and to include it in the provisional agenda of its subsequent session (decisions 37/457, 38/459, 39/465, 40/470, 41/470, 42/402, 43/421, 44/458, 45/454, 46/444, 47/466, 48/438, 49/474, 50/457, 51/435, 52/433, 53/428 and 54/427).

No advance documentation is expected.

⁹⁰ References for the fifty-fourth session (agenda item 55):

- (a) Decision 54/425;
- (b) Plenary meeting: A/54/PV.75.

⁹¹ References for the fifty-fourth session (agenda item 56):

- (a) Decision 54/426;
- (b) Plenary meeting: A/54/PV.75.

⁹² References for the fifty-fourth session (agenda item 57):

- (a) Decision 54/427;
- (b) Plenary meeting: A/54/PV.75.

58. Launching of global negotiations on international economic cooperation for development

At its thirty-second session, in 1977, the General Assembly decided to convene a special session of the Assembly in 1980, at a high level, in order to assess the progress made in the various forums of the United Nations system in the establishment of the new international economic order and, on the basis of that assessment, to take appropriate action for the promotion of the development of developing countries and international economic cooperation, including the adoption of the new international development strategy for the 1980s (resolution 32/174). At its thirty-fourth, eleventh special and thirty-fifth to fortieth sessions, the Assembly continued its consideration of the item (resolution 34/139 and decisions S-11/24, 35/443, 35/454, 36/461, 37/438, 38/448 A and B, 39/454 A and B and 40/459).

At its forty-first to fifty-third sessions, the General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item and to include it in the provisional agenda of its subsequent session (decisions 41/467, 42/458, 43/457, 44/459, 45/435, 46/443, 47/465, 48/437, 49/474, 50/468, 51/452, 52/434 and 53/429).

At its fifty-fourth session,⁹³ the General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item and to include it in the provisional agenda of its fifty-fifth session (decision 54/428). At the same session, the Assembly decided to convene in 2001 a high-level intergovernmental event of political decision makers on financing for development (resolution 54/196) (see also item 103).

No advance documentation is expected.

59. Question of the Comorian island of Mayotte

This item was included in the agenda of the thirty-first session of the General Assembly, in 1976, at the request of Madagascar (A/31/241).

At its thirty-second to forty-ninth sessions, the General Assembly continued its consideration of this item (resolutions 32/7, 34/69, 35/43, 36/105, 37/65, 38/13, 39/48, 40/62, 41/30, 42/17, 43/14, 44/9, 45/11, 46/9, 47/9, 48/56 and 49/18 and decision 33/435).

At its fiftieth to fifty-second sessions, the General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item and to include it in the provisional agenda of its subsequent session (decisions 50/493, 51/436 and 52/435).

At its fifty-third session, the General Assembly decided to retain the item on the agenda of that session (decision 53/465).

At its fifty-fourth session,⁹⁴ the General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item and to include it in the provisional agenda of its fifty-fifth session (decision 54/439).

No advance documentation is expected.

⁹³ References for the fifty-fourth session (agenda item 58):

- (a) Decision 54/428;
- (b) Plenary meeting: A/54/PV.75.

⁹⁴ References for the fifty-fourth session (agenda item 62):

- (a) Decision 54/439;
- (b) Plenary meeting: A/54/PV.84.

60. Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters²

This item was included in the agenda of the thirty-fourth session of the General Assembly, in 1979, at the request of Algeria, Argentina, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Guyana, India, Maldives, Nepal, Nigeria and Sri Lanka (A/34/246). At that session, the Assembly decided to transmit to its thirty-fifth session the draft resolution submitted at the thirty-fourth session and related documents (decision 34/431).

At its thirty-fifth to forty-sixth sessions, the General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item (decisions 35/453, 36/460, 37/450, 38/454, 39/455, 40/460, 41/469, 42/459, 43/458, 44/460, 45/421 and 46/418).

At its forty-seventh session, the General Assembly adopted resolution 47/62 and, in response, the Secretary-General issued a report containing comments made by Member States on a possible review of the membership of the Security Council (A/48/264 and Add.1, 2 and Add.2/Corr.1 and Add.3–10).

At its forty-eighth session, the General Assembly established the Open-ended Working Group on the Question of Equitable Representation on and Increase in the Membership of the Security Council and Other Matters Related to the Security Council; and requested the Working Group to submit a report on the progress of its work to the Assembly before the end of its forty-eighth session (resolution 48/26). In September 1994, September 1995, September 1996, August 1997, August 1998 and August 1999, the Open-ended Working Group submitted reports on the progress of its work (A/48/47, A/49/47, A/50/47/Rev.1, A/51/47 and Corr.1, A/52/47 and A/53/47).

The General Assembly decided at its forty-eighth to fifty-third sessions that the Open-ended Working Group should continue its work and submit a report to the Assembly before the end of the following session (decisions 48/498, 49/499, 50/489, 51/476, 52/490 and 53/487). Accordingly, the Open-ended Working Group continued its work during the years 1995 to 2000.

At its fifty-fourth session,⁹⁵ the Working Group was chaired by the President of the General Assembly, Mr. Theo-Ben Gurirab (Namibia), and the Vice-Chairmen continued to be the Permanent Representatives of Sri Lanka and Sweden, Mr. John de Saram and Mr. Hans Dahlgren.

At its fifty-third session, the General Assembly had determined not to adopt any resolution or decision on the question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters, without the affirmative vote of at least two thirds of the Members of the General Assembly (resolution 53/30).

The Working Group will submit a report to the General Assembly before the end of its fifty-fourth session, including any agreed recommendations.

Document: Report of the Open-ended Working Group, Supplement No. 47 (A/55/47).

⁹⁵ References for the fifty-fourth session (agenda item 38):

- (a) Report of the Open-ended Working Group on the Question of Equitable Representation on and Increase in the Membership of the Security Council and Other Matters Related to the Security Council: Supplement No. 47 (A/54/47);
- (b) Plenary meetings: A/54/PV.81, 82, 85 and 86.

61. United Nations reform: measures and proposals³

(a) United Nations reform: measures and proposals³

At its fifty-first session in June 1997, in response to a letter dated 17 March 1997, which the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the General Assembly concerning a wide-ranging review he had initiated of the activities of the United Nations and on several management and organizational measures undertaken as the first steps of a wide-ranging reform programme (A/51/829), the General Assembly decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-first session an additional item entitled "United Nations reform: measures proposals" (decision 51/402 B). At its fifty-first session in August 1997, the Assembly decided to include the item in the draft agenda of its fifty-second session (decision 51/473).

At its fifty-second session, the General Assembly considered the Secretary-General's report entitled "Renewing the United Nations: a programme for reform" (A/51/950 and Add.1-7). The Assembly, *inter alia*, requested the Secretary-General to submit a report at its fifty-third session on the implementation of actions undertaken under his initiative (resolution 52/12 A) and requested more detailed proposals on the Millennium Assembly and the Millennium Forum (resolution 52/12 B).

At the fifty-third session, the Secretary-General submitted to the General Assembly reports entitled "Status of implementation of actions described in the report of the Secretary-General entitled 'Renewing the United Nations: a programme for reform'" (A/53/676) and "Environment and human settlements" (A/53/463).

At its fifty-fourth session,⁹⁶ the General Assembly decided to retain the item on the agenda of that session (decision 54/465).

No advance documentation is expected.

(b) The Millennium Assembly of the United Nations¹

In his report of 14 July 1997 entitled "Renewing the United Nations: a programme for reform", submitted to the General Assembly at its fifty-first session, the Secretary-General proposed that the General Assembly in the year 2000 could be convened as a special "Millennium Assembly" with a summit segment (A/51/950).

In a note dated 31 March 1998, the Secretary-General recommended that the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly be designated the Millennium Assembly and that a high-level segment be devoted to in-depth consideration of the theme "The United Nations in the twenty-first century". That high-level segment would be called the Millennium Summit, and its integration into the regular session of the Assembly would facilitate the participation of heads of State and/or Government while maximizing continuity in the Assembly's normal programme of work (A/52/850).

At its fifty-third session, the General Assembly, convinced that the year 2000 constituted a unique and symbolically compelling moment to articulate and affirm an animating vision for the United Nations in the new era, and that a Millennium Assembly would provide an opportunity to strengthen the role of the United Nations in meeting the challenges of the twenty-first century, decided to designate the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly "The Millennium Assembly of the United Nations"; also decided to convene, as an integral

⁹⁶ References for the fifty-fourth session (agenda item 8):

- (a) Decision 54/465;
- (b) Plenary meeting: A/54/PV.88.

part of the Millennium Assembly, a Millennium Summit of the United Nations for a limited number of days; and requested the Secretary-General to propose a number of forward-looking and widely relevant topics that could help to focus the Millennium Summit within the context of an overall theme (resolution 53/202). The Secretary-General submitted his proposals in a report A/53/948 and Add.1).

In March 1998, the Secretary-General had advised of his intention to convene a series of informal regional events with a view to eliciting innovative ideas regarding specific objectives the United Nations should strive to achieve in the decades ahead in the five core areas of its work (A/52/850). Regional hearings have been convened by the executive secretaries of the five regional commissions for a representative segment of civil society, with the participation of members of the commissions for the region of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia at Beirut on 23 and 24 May 1999 (A/54/280); the region of the Economic Commission for Africa at Addis Ababa on 24 and 25 June 1999 (A/54/281); the region of the Economic Commission for Europe at Geneva on 7 and 8 July 1999 (A/54/503); the region of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean at Santiago on 1 and 2 September 1999 (A/54/718); and the region of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific at Tokyo on 9 and 10 September 1999 (A/54/754).

At its fifty-third session in June 1999, the General Assembly decided that the Millennium Summit should begin on 6 September 2000 (resolution 53/239). On 25 August 1999, the Secretary-General addressed a letter inviting heads of State and heads of Government to participate in the Millennium Summit.

At its fifty-fourth session in March 2000,⁹⁷ the General Assembly decided that the Millennium Summit would be held from 6 to 8 September 2000 under the overall theme “The role of the United Nations in the twenty-first century”, and that it would be composed of plenary meetings, and of four interactive round-table sessions, with each interactive session to be held in concurrence with a plenary meeting (resolution 54/254).

At the 94th plenary meeting, on 3 April 2000, the Secretary-General introduced his report of 27 March 2000 entitled “We the peoples: the role of the United Nations in the twenty-first century”, with a view to facilitating the proceedings of the Millennium Summit and Millennium Assembly (A/54/2000).

At its fifty-fourth session in May 2000, the General Assembly decided that the Millennium Summit should consist of a total of six meetings and that it should hold four interactive round-table sessions. It also decided on the timetable of the Summit, the modalities regarding the list of speakers for the six plenary meetings, and the organization of the interactive round-tables (resolution 54/261).

Document: Report of the Secretary-General, A/54/2000.

⁹⁷ References for the fifty-fourth session (agenda item 49):

- (a) Report of the Secretary-General: A/54/2000;
- (b) Notes by the Secretary-General transmitting:
 - (i) Reports on regional hearings in preparation for the Millennium Assembly: ESCWA, A/54/280; ECA, A/54/281; ECE, A/54/503; ECLAC, A/54/718; and ESCAP, A/54/754;
 - (ii) Review of the International Civil Service Commission: A/54/483;
- (c) Draft resolutions: A/54/L.81/Rev.1 and A/54/L.83/Rev.1;
- (d) Resolutions 54/254 and 54/261;
- (e) Plenary meetings: A/54/PV.93, 94 and 96.