

## ARTICLE 100

### TEXT OF ARTICLE 100

1. In the performance of their duties the Secretary-General and the staff shall not seek or receive instructions from any government or from any other authority external to the Organization. They shall refrain from any action which might reflect on their position as international officials responsible only to the Organization.

2. Each Member of the United Nations undertakes to respect the exclusively international character of the responsibilities of the Secretary-General and the staff and not to seek to influence them in the discharge of their responsibilities.

### NOTE

During the period under review, questions relating specifically to the interpretation or application of Article 100 did not lead to resolutions or decisions by the principal organs of the United Nations. During the consideration of the composition of the Secretariat by the Fifth Committee at the twenty-first session of the General Assembly, a draft resolution was introduced, the second preambular paragraph of which would recall the provisions of Articles 100 and 101 of the Charter of the United Nations.<sup>1</sup> The draft resolution was adopted without amendment as resolution 2241(XXI) by the General Assembly on 20 December 1966. An account of the debates preceding the adoption of the draft resolution by the Fifth Committee and the General Assembly is given in this Supplement in the study of Article 101.

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<sup>1</sup>G A (XXI), Annexes, a.i. 81, A/6605, paras. 20-31 and 36.