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ARTICLE 23 (1)

TEXT OF ARTICLE 23 (1) and (3)

1. The Security Council shall consist of fifteen Members of the United Nations. The Republic of China, France, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the United States of America shall be permanent members of the Security Council. ...

2. ...

3. Each member of the Security Council shall have one representative.

NOTE

1. This note is confined to the Practice of the Security Council only. The practice of the General Assembly concerning Article 23, paragraphs 1 and 2 will be the subject of a separate study.

2. During the period under review, in accordance with Article 23, the General Assembly, at each regular session, elected five non-permanent members of the Security Council to replace those members whose terms of office were to expire on 31 December of the respective year. However, Article 23 was not discussed in the Council's deliberations and no relevant material could be identified for inclusion in the study.