

## ARTICLE 42

### TEXT OF ARTICLE 42

Should the Security Council consider that measures provided for in Article 41 would be inadequate or have proved to be inadequate, it may take such action by air, sea, or land forces as may be necessary to maintain or restore international peace and security. Such action may include demonstrations, blockade, and other operations by air, sea, or land forces of Members of the United Nations.

### NOTE

1. No decisions requiring treatment under Article 42 were taken by the Security Council during the period under review.

2. However, what might be deemed to be implicit references to the Article were made in the following two draft resolutions in connexion with the situation in Southern Rhodesia, but they were not adopted by the Security Council:

(a) Under a draft resolution,<sup>1</sup> submitted by Algeria, Ethiopia, India, Pakistan and Senegal, the Security Council, *inter alia*, would have urged the United Kingdom to take all necessary measures, including the use of force, to bring an end to the rebellion in Southern Rhodesia. The draft resolution, however, was not pressed to the vote.<sup>2</sup>

(b) Under a draft resolution,<sup>3</sup> submitted by Algeria, Nepal, Pakistan, Senegal and Zambia, the Security Council, *inter alia*, again would have urged the United Kingdom to take all necessary measures, including the use of force, to bring an end to the rebellion in Southern Rhodesia. The

draft resolution was not adopted, having failed to obtain the affirmative votes of nine members.<sup>4</sup>

3. Article 42 was explicitly referred to in connexion with the situation in Southern Rhodesia: in a letter<sup>5</sup> dated 3 February 1967 from Portugal addressed to the Secretary-General, in which the Portuguese Government expressed a desire to know the status of the armed forces to be sent in case the Security Council should decide to act in terms of Article 42 of the Charter; in a letter<sup>6</sup> dated 8 March 1967 from Mali addressed to the Secretary-General, in which it was maintained that only the use of force, in accordance with Article 42, could bring down the régime in Southern Rhodesia. Explicit references to the Article were also made during the consideration of this question in the Security Council.<sup>7</sup>

4. Incidental explicit references to Article 42 were also made in the General Assembly during the consideration of the following questions: the question of peace-keeping operations;<sup>8</sup> the Korean question;<sup>9</sup> the question of defining aggression;<sup>10</sup> and the question of South West Africa.<sup>11</sup>

<sup>1</sup> S C, 23rd yr., *Suppl. for Apr.-June*, pp. 120 and 121, S/8545, oper. para. 7.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, 1428th mtg., para. 37.

<sup>3</sup> S C, 24th yr., *Suppl. for Apr.-June*, p. 338, S/9270/Rev.1, oper. para. 2.

<sup>4</sup> See footnote 2 above.

<sup>5</sup> S C, 22nd yr., *Suppl. for Jan.-March*, pp. 113-116, S/7781 and Add.1 and 2.

<sup>6</sup> *Ibid.*, pp. 217 and 218, S/7815.

<sup>7</sup> S C, 21st yr., 1335th mtg.: Pakistan, paras. 81 and 91; 1336th mtg.:

India, para. 10; 1339th mtg.: China, paras. 38-40.

<sup>8</sup> G A (XXI), Spec. Pol. Com., 522nd mtg.: France, para. 15; 527th mtg.: Jamaica, paras. 22 and 24; 529th mtg.: Israel, para. 19; 543rd mtg.: Jamaica, paras. 27 and 28; 545th mtg.: France, para. 51; G A (XXII), Spec. Pol. Com., 570th mtg.: United States, para. 86; 572nd mtg.: Upper Volta, para. 48; 573rd mtg., France, para. 34.

<sup>9</sup> G A (XXIII), 1st Com., 1638th mtg.: China, para. 15.

<sup>10</sup> G A (XXIII), 6th Com., 1080th mtg.: Cyprus paras. 33 and 34.

<sup>11</sup> G A (XXII), Plen., 1651st mtg.: Upper Volta, para. 79; 1664th mtg.: Malawi, para. 14.