

## ARTICLE 53

### TEXT OF ARTICLE 53

1. The Security Council shall, where appropriate, utilize such regional arrangements or agencies for enforcement action under its authority. But no enforcement action shall be taken under regional arrangements or by regional agencies without the authorization of the Security Council, with the exception of measures against any enemy state, as defined in paragraph 2 of this Article, provided for pursuant to Article 107 or in regional arrangements directed against renewal of aggressive policy on the part of any such state, until such time as the Organization may, on request of the Governments concerned, be charged with the responsibility for preventing further aggression by such a state.

2. The term enemy state as used in paragraph 1 of the Article applies to any state which during the Second World War has been an enemy of any signatory of the present Charter.

### NOTE

1. No decisions requiring treatment under this Article have been taken by the organs of the United Nations during the period under review.

2. The Article has been referred to 1/ incidentally in conjunction with other Articles of Chapter VIII during the discussion of the agenda items entitled "Methods which might be used to maintain and strengthen international peace and security in accordance with the Purposes and Principles of the Charter: report of the Collective Measures Committee" and "Measures for the further relaxation of international tension and development of international co-operation". 2/

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1/ See also in this Supplement under Articles 51 and 52.

2/ For text of relevant statement, see G A (IX), 1st Com., 705th mtg., Israel, para. 3.

