
Articles 5 and 6

Text of Article 5

A Member of the United Nations against which preventive or enforcement action has been taken by the Security Council may be suspended from the exercise of the rights and privileges of membership by the General Assembly upon the recommendation of the Security Council. The exercise of these rights and privileges may be restored by the Security Council.

Text of Article 6

A Member of the United Nations which has persistently violated the Principles contained in the present Charter may be expelled from the Organization by the General Assembly upon the recommendation of the Security Council.

Note

No questions concerning the application or interpretation of Articles 5 and 6 arose in the practice of United Nations organs during the period under review. During the discussion of the credentials of representatives to the fortieth session of the General Assembly, one delegation called for the application to Israel of measures under Article 6 of the Charter.¹ However, the delegation further stated that the General Assembly, which had proved its inability, as a result of the use of the veto, to pursue the course of suspending the membership, should resort to a less effective method by rejecting the credentials of the delegation of Israel.²

¹ A/40/PV.37, pp. 8-10.

² Ibid.