

ARTICLE 15

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TEXT OF ARTICLE 15

1. The General Assembly shall receive and consider annual and special reports from the Security Council; these reports shall include an account of the measures that the Security Council has decided upon or taken to maintain international peace and security.

2. The General Assembly shall receive and consider reports from the other organs of the United Nations.

NOTE

1. The application of Article 15 was dealt with at some length in the Repertory, ^{1/} primarily from the point of view of the patterns which had evolved during the first seven years relating to the consideration of reports in the General Assembly and to the procedures which had been followed in the process of such consideration. The study indicated that no constitutional issues had been involved as a result of the application of the Article and that the interpretation of its provisions (particularly of the word "consider"), though varying in practice from one session to another and from report to report, had not given rise to discussions requiring any formal decision by the Assembly with respect to their meaning or to the methods devised for their application.

2. There was no significant change during the ninth and tenth sessions in the pattern already described in the Repertory. The Assembly received annual reports from the Security Council, the Economic and Social Council and the Trusteeship Council. These were considered at each session following what has become a standard procedure — the Assembly took note, without substantive discussion, of the reports of the Security Council; it dealt with the reports of the Economic and Social Council by allocating some chapters to the Second Committee, others to the Third Committee and one to the Fifth Committee for report to the plenary, and, in plenary, disposed of the remainder while at the same time taking note of the reports as a whole; it took action on the reports of the Trusteeship Council after they had been considered in the Fourth Committee, to which these reports are customarily referred, in their entirety, at the outset of each session. The annual report of the Secretary-General on the work of the

^{1/} See in the Repertory, vol. I, under Article 15, pp. 481-500.

Organization was also on the Assembly's agenda at each session. As in the past, no specific action was taken but references were made to the report by Members participating in the general debate.

3. At both the ninth and tenth sessions, the Assembly again had before it a large number of reports of other organs, which served as a basis for the majority of the items on the agenda of these sessions. In accordance with rule 67 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, these reports were, almost without exception, first considered in one of the seven Main Committees and action was completed in plenary meeting on the basis of the recommendation of the Committee concerned.

ANNEX I

Reports of principal organs to the General Assembly with the relevant agenda items^{a/}

<u>Reports of the Security Council to the General Assembly, covering period:</u>		<u>Agenda Item</u>
16 July 1953 to 15 July 1954	G A (IX), Suppl. No. 2 (A/2712)	11
16 July 1954 to 15 July 1955	G A (X), Suppl. No. 2 (A/2935)	11
 <u>Reports of the Economic and Social Council, covering period:</u>		
6 August 1953 to 6 August 1954	G A (IX), Suppl. No. 3 (A/2686)	12
7 August 1954 to 5 August 1955	G A (X), Suppl. No. 3 (A/2943)	12
 <u>Report of the Trusteeship Council, covering:</u>		
Period from 22 July 1953 to 16 July 1954	G A (IX), Suppl. No. 4 (A/2630)	13
Period from 17 July 1954 to 22 July 1955	G A (X), Suppl. No. 4 (A/2933)	13
 <u>Reports of the Secretary-General on the Work of the Organization:</u>		
1 July 1953 - 30 June 1954	G A (IX), Suppl. No. 1 (A/2663)	10
1 July 1954 - 15 June 1955	G A (X), Suppl. No. 1 (A/2911)	10

^{a/} Since the eighth session, special reports of the Security Council have been integrated in the Report of the Security Council submitted annually to the General Assembly.