

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. Except for the thirty-seventh session, at which a resolution regarding the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization was adopted by the General Assembly, there were no changes in the application of this Article. From the thirty-fourth to the thirty-ninth session, the General Assembly dealt with the reports according to the standard procedure as described in the *Repertory*.¹

A. Reports of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization

2. For years, the General Assembly usually took note of the reports of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization by a simple decision without a debate and without the adoption of a formal resolution. However, at its thirty-seventh session, the General Assembly adopted resolution 37/67 in which the Assembly, inter alia, called upon all organs of the United Nations to discharge fully and effectively their responsibilities in accordance with the Charter and upon all Member States to contribute actively to that end; requested the Security Council to carry out the primary responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security and to give due consideration to the report of the Secretary-General; and invited the Secretary-General, in discharging his responsibilities under the Charter, to continue his efforts towards strengthening the capacity of the United Nations to fulfil the effective and decisive role envisaged for it in the Charter.²

B. Reports of the Security Council

3. There were no changes in the application of this Article during the period covered by the present *Supplement*. At the thirty-seventh session, however,

the representative of Argentina made the following statement:

“The Argentine delegation would like to state for the record that it has reservations concerning the unsatisfactory manner in which certain documents relating to the recent crisis in the South Atlantic have been summarized in chapters 10 and 11 of the report of the Security Council.³ The present language does not suitably or sufficiently reflect the content of certain important communications in which my Government, other countries, the Organization of American States and the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries reported to the Security Council on their position or on their decisions in the face of the military aggression against Argentina and other related matters. Such omissions seriously affect the balance of the report of the Security Council and oblige us to enter this express reservation.”⁴

The General Assembly then took note of the report of the Security Council.

4. The table listing the reports of the principal organs to the General Assembly and the relevant agenda items is given in the annex to the present report.

NOTES

¹ See *Repertory*, vol. I, under Article 15, pp. 481-500.

² G A 37, Plen., 91st mtg., paras. 184-213.

³ *Ibid.*, Suppl. No. 2.

⁴ *Ibid.*, Plen., 110th mtg., paras. 131 and 132.

ANNEX

Reports of the principal organs to the General Assembly with the relevant agenda items

			<i>Agenda item</i>
<i>Reports of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization</i>			
11 September 1979	G A (34)	Suppl. No. 1 (A/34/1)	10
10 September 1980	G A (35)	Suppl. No. 1 (A/35/1)	10
12 September 1981	G A (36)	Suppl. No. 1 (A/36/1)	10
7 September 1982	G A (37)	Suppl. No. 1 (A/37/1)	10
12 September 1983	G A (38)	Suppl. No. 1 (A/38/1)	10
5 September 1984	G A (39)	Suppl. No. 1 (A/39/1)	10
<i>Reports of the Security Council</i>			
16 June 1978 to 15 June 1979	G A (34)	Suppl. No. 2 (A/34/2)	11
16 June 1979 to 15 June 1980	G A (35)	Suppl. No. 2 (A/35/2)	11
16 June 1980 to 15 June 1981	G A (36)	Suppl. No. 2 (A/36/2 and Corr.1 (English only))	11
16 June 1981 to 15 June 1982	G A (37)	Suppl. No. 2 (A/37/2)	11
16 June 1982 to 15 June 1983	G A (38)	Suppl. No. 2 (A/38/2)	11
16 June 1983 to 15 June 1984	G A (39)	Suppl. No. 2 (A/39/2)	11
<i>Reports of the Economic and Social Council</i>			
For the year 1979	G A (34)	Suppl. No. 3 (A/34/3/Rev.1)	12
For the year 1980	G A (35)	Suppl. No. 3 (A/35/3/Rev.1)	12
For the year 1981	G A (36)	Suppl. No. 3 (A/36/3/Rev.1)	12
For the year 1982	G A (37)	Suppl. No. 3 (A/37/3)	12
For the year 1983	G A (38)	Suppl. No. 3 (A/38/3)	12
For the year 1984	G A (39)	Suppl. No. 3 (A/39/3)	12
<i>Reports of the International Court of Justice</i>			
1 August 1978 to 31 July 1979	G A (34)	Suppl. No. 4 (A/34/4)	13
1 August 1979 to 31 July 1980	G A (35)	Suppl. No. 4 (A/35/4)	13
1 August 1980 to 31 July 1981	G A (36)	Suppl. No. 4 (A/36/4)	13
1 August 1981 to 31 July 1982	G A (37)	Suppl. No. 4 (A/37/4)	13
1 August 1982 to 31 July 1983	G A (38)	Suppl. No. 4 (A/38/4)	13
1 August 1983 to 31 July 1984	G A (39)	Suppl. No. 4 (A/39/4)	13