

ARTICLE 45

TEXT OF ARTICLE 45

In order to enable the United Nations to take urgent military measures, Members shall hold immediately available national air-force contingents for combined international enforcement action. The strength and degree of readiness of these contingents and plans for their combined action shall be determined, within the limits laid down in the special agreement or agreements referred to in Article 43, by the Security Council with the assistance of the Military Staff Committee.

NOTE

1. On 12 September 1983, in connection with the consideration of the 1982 report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization,¹ the President of the Security Council issued a note² which contained an explicit reference to “Articles 43 to 47” of the Charter. That note is covered in more detail in the study on Article 43.³
2. No other decisions requiring treatment under Article 45 were taken by the organs of the United Nations during the period under review.⁴

¹ G A (37), Suppl. No. 1.

² S/15971.

³ See the present *Supplement*, under Article 43, para. 5.

⁴ Some explicit and implicit references to Article 45, often with Articles 43, 46 and 47 of the Charter, were made in the Sixth Committee of the General Assembly and in a few reports submitted to the Assembly concerning the following items: (a) Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization; (b) Implementation of the collective security provisions of the Charter of the United Nations for the maintenance of international peace and security. See G A (34), Suppl. No. 33, para. 18 (subparas. 7, 10 and 76 (sect. III.A)); G A (35), Suppl. No. 33, para. 152 (sect. V); G A (36), Suppl. No. 33, paras. 235-238; G A (37), Suppl. No. 33, paras. 33, 45-47; G A (34), 6th Comm., 31st mtg.: Bangladesh, para. 22; *ibid.*, 36th mtg.: Cyprus, para. 16; and A/39/144, annex (reply from Ghana). For more details on the above-mentioned items, see the present *Supplement*, under Article 43, paras. 10-12.