ARTICLE 52

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1. Nothing in the present Charter precludes the existence of regional arrangements or agencies for dealing with such matters relating to the maintenance of international peace and security as are appropriate for regional action, provided that such arrangements or agencies and their activities are consistent with the Purposes and Principles of the United Nations.

2. The Members of the United Nations entering into such arrangements or constituting such agencies shall make every effort to achieve pacific settlement of local disputes through such regional arrangements or by such regional agencies before referring them to the Security Council.

3. The Security Council shall encourage the development of pacific settlement of local disputes through such regional arrangements or by such regional agencies either on the initiative of the states concerned or by reference from the Security Council.

4. This Article in no way impairs the application of Articles 34 and 35.

NOTE

1. There has been little significant practice in connexion with the application and interpretation of Article 52 during the period under review.

2. The Article has been incidentally mentioned in the General Assembly 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". 1/

1/ For texts of relevant statements, see G A (IX), 1st Com., 704th mtg.: United Kingdom, para. 20; 705th mtg.: France, para. 21; Israel, para. 3; 706th mtg.: Egypt, para. 6; Iraq, para. 2; G A (X), 1st Com., 804th mtg.: Turkey, para. 31; 806th mtg.: Pakistan, para. 31; 809th mtg.: India, paras. 13 and 24; Iraq, para. 3; Pakistan, para. 7.