

## ARTICLE 52

### TEXT OF ARTICLE 52

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. During the period under review, there were no instances in which Article 25 was either applied or interpreted.

2. The Article was mentioned incidentally in the General Assembly during the discussion of the agenda items entitled "The Korean question" and "The Strengthening of international security".<sup>1</sup>

3. It was also referred to, either implicitly or explicitly, during the Security Council's consideration of "The Palestine question" and "Complaint by Haiti".<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> For the texts of the relevant statements, see G A (XXI), 1st Com., 1488th mtg.: Ukrainian SSR, para. 2; 1490th mtg.: Algeria, para. 12; G A (XXIV), 1st Com., 1658th mtg.: Ecuador, para. 44; 1667th mtg.: India, para. 151; 1671st mtg.: Cambodia, para. 18.

<sup>2</sup> For the texts of the relevant statements, see: S C, 1344th mtg.: Lebanon, paras. 15-35; 1427th mtg.: Brazil, paras. 66 and 67.