

ARTICLE 54

TEXT OF ARTICLE 54

The Security Council shall at all times be kept fully informed of activities undertaken or in contemplation under regional arrangements or by regional agencies for the maintenance of international peace and security.

NOTE

1. During the period under review there was no constitutional discussion relating to the interpretation and application of Article 54. The practice whereby the Security Council was kept informed of activities undertaken or in contemplation by regional organizations through communications addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations from the Secretary-General of the respective regional organizations¹ and from States parties to a dispute or situation was continued during this period.²
2. There were also reports by the Secretary-General of the United Nations to the Security Council, in accordance with a decision of the Council, on activities of a regional organization related to a situation previously considered by the Security Council.³ Furthermore, there were communications from the Secretary-General of the United Nations addressed to States parties to a dispute or situation being considered under regional arrangements.⁴

¹ See annex, sections A and B.

² *Ibid.*, section C.

³ *Ibid.*, section D.

⁴ *Ibid.*, section D. (See also G A (XXII), Suppl. No. 1, Annual Report of the Secretary-General on the Work of the Organization for 1966-1967, chapter III, (H) The situation in the Dominican Republic, pp. 38-39).

ANNEX

Tabulation of communications

A. Communications from the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity (OAU)

- I. Letter^a dated 14 December 1966: transmitting the text of a resolution adopted by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the OAU, concerning the policies of *apartheid* of the Government of the Republic of South Africa.
- II. Letter^b dated 14 December 1966: transmitting the text of a resolution adopted by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government concerning South West Africa.

B. Communications from the Secretary-General of the Organization of American States (OAS)

- I. Telegram^c dated 20 September 1966: transmitting a report of the *Ad Hoc* Committee to the President of the Tenth Meeting of Consultation concerning the implementation of a resolution regarding the withdrawal of the Inter-American Peace Force from the Dominican Republic.
- II. Letter^d dated 29 November 1966: transmitting the text of a report entitled "The First Solidarity Conference of the Peoples of Africa, Asia and Latin America and its Projections" (volume I) prepared by the OAS Special Committee.
- III. Telegram^e dated 1 December 1966: transmitting pursuant to the resolution adopted on 28 November 1966 by the OAS Council, the text of a report entitled "The First Solidarity Conference of the Peoples of Africa, Asia and Latin America and its Projections" (volume II).
- IV. Telegram^f dated 5 June 1967: transmitting the text of a resolution adopted on 5 June 1967 by the OAS Council, regarding the convening of a meeting of consultation of Ministers of Foreign Affairs in response to a request of Venezuela (complaint against Cuba).
- V. Telegram^g dated 19 June 1967: transmitting the text of a resolution adopted on 19 June 1967 by the Twelfth Meeting of Consultation regarding the appointment of a Committee to be sent to Venezuela.
- VI. Letter^h dated 26 September 1967: transmitting the text of the Final Act of the Twelfth Meeting of Consultation of Ministers of Foreign Affairs.
- VII. Telegramⁱ dated 4 July 1969: transmitting the text of a resolution adopted on 4 July 1969 by the OAS Council, concerning relations between El Salvador and Honduras.
- VIII. Telegram^j dated 14 July 1969: transmitting the text of a resolution adopted on 14 July 1969 by the OAS Council convoking the Organ of Consultation in accordance with the Inter-American Treaty of Reciprocal Assistance in response to requests of El Salvador and Honduras.
- IX. Telegram^k dated 15 July 1969: transmitting the text of a resolution adopted on 15 July 1969 by the OAS Council, acting provisionally as the Organ of Consultation, calling upon El Salvador and Honduras to suspend hostilities, to restore matters to the *status quo ante bellum* and to re-establish peace and security.
- X. Telegram^l dated 17 July 1969: informing that the Committee established by the OAS resolution of 14 July 1969 was in the area

of events (El Salvador-Honduras) pursuant to its terms of reference.

- XI. Telegram^m dated 18 July 1969: transmitting the texts of four resolutions adopted on 18 July 1969 by the OAS Council, acting provisionally as Organ of Consultation, concerning relations between El Salvador and Honduras.
- XII. Telegramⁿ dated 25 July 1969: transmitting the text of a resolution adopted on 23 July 1969 by the OAS Council, acting provisionally as Organ of Consultation, setting 26 July 1969 as the date for the Meeting of Consultation of Ministers of Foreign Affairs.
- XIII. Telegram^o dated 30 July 1969: transmitting the texts of three resolutions adopted on 30 July 1969 by the thirteenth Meeting of Consultation of Ministers of Foreign Affairs concerning the relations between El Salvador and Honduras.
- XIV. Telegram^p dated 27 October 1969: transmitting the texts of seven resolutions adopted on 27 October 1969 by the thirteenth Meeting of Consultation of Ministers of Foreign Affairs, concerning relations between El Salvador and Honduras.

C. Communications from States parties to a dispute or situation

- I. Letter^q dated 13 October 1966: Dominican Republic, concerning the withdrawal of the United Nations Mission from the Dominican Republic.
- II. Letter^r dated 5 December 1966: Mexico, informing that it had abstained from voting on the resolution adopted 28 November 1966 by the OAS Council.
- III. Letter^s dated 27 June 1969: El Salvador, informing of severance of diplomatic relations with Honduras.
- IV. Letter^t dated 3 July 1969: El Salvador, charging that Honduras had committed armed attacks against El Salvador and informing of Salvadorian defensive action "in accordance with Article 51 of the United Nations Charter" and Article 7 of the Inter-American Treaty of Reciprocal Assistance.
- V. Letter^u dated 2 July 1969: El Salvador, transmitting the text of a letter dated 1 July 1969 addressed to the Secretary-General of the OAS requesting the Inter-American Human Rights Commission to verify, *in situ*, charges of violations of human rights of Salvadorians residing in Honduras.
- VI. Letter^v dated 4 July 1969: Honduras, giving an account of developments conducive to the conflict with El Salvador and charging El Salvador with armed attacks against Honduras.
- VII. Letter^w dated 15 July 1969: Honduras, giving an account of casualties resulting from Salvadorian military attacks.
- VIII. Letter^x dated 15 July 1969: El Salvador, stating that, in view of the repeated aggression by Honduras, it was obliged to take measures of self-defence.
- IX. Letter^y dated 16 July 1969: Honduras, stating that it had accepted the cease-fire order issued by the OAS while El Salvador had not complied with it.
- X. Letter^z dated 24 July 1969: El Salvador, transmitting the text of a communication sent on 18 July 1969 to the OAS provisional organ of consultation stating that it had accepted the cease-fire.

^a S C, 21st yr., Suppl. for Oct.-Dec., S/7637.

^b *Ibid.*, S/7639.

^c S C, 21st yr., Suppl. for July-Sept., S/7502.

^d S C, 21st yr., Suppl. for Oct.-Dec., S/7606.

^e *Ibid.*, S/7606/Add. 1.

^f S C, 22nd yr., Suppl. for April-June, S/7931.

^g *Ibid.*, S/8009.

^h S/8170 (mimeographed).

ⁱ S C, 24th yr., Suppl. for July-Sept., S/9317.

^j *Ibid.*, S/9328.

^k *Ibid.*, S/9334.

^l *Ibid.*, S/9338.

^m *Ibid.*, S/9342.

ⁿ *Ibid.*, S/9361.

^o *Ibid.*, S/9370.

^p S C, 24th yr., Suppl. for Oct.-Dec.; S/9490.

^q S C, 21st yr., Suppl. for Oct.-Dec., S/7551.

^r *Ibid.*, S/7620.

^s S C, 24th yr., Suppl. for April-June, S/9291.

^t S C, 24th yr., Suppl. for July-Sept., S/9314.

^u *Ibid.*, S/9315.

^v *Ibid.*, S/9318.

^w *Ibid.*, S/9329.

^x *Ibid.*, S/9330.

^y *Ibid.*, S/9336.

^z *Ibid.*, S/9358.

- XI. Telegram^{aa} dated 25 July 1969: Honduras, charging El Salvador with committing violations of human rights against the civilian population of Honduran towns occupied by El Salvador.
- XII. Letter^{bb} dated 2 August 1969: El Salvador, transmitting the text of a telegram sent to the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, rejecting charges of violations of human rights of Honduran civilians in the towns occupied by the Salvadorian army.
- XIII. Letter^{cc} dated 5 August 1969: El Salvador, stating appreciation for the appeal for a peaceful solution of El Salvador-Honduras conflict made by the Secretary-General of the United Nations and gratification for the pacifying efforts made by the Meeting of Consultation of the OAS Foreign Ministers.
- D. Reports of and communications from the Secretary-General of the United Nations related to a dispute or situation before regional organizations**
- I. Reports^{dd} dated 2 July-21 September 1966, on the withdrawal of the Inter-American Peace Force from the Dominican Republic.
- II. Report^{ee} dated 14 October 1966 informing of the arrangements for the withdrawal of the United Nations Mission from the Dominican Republic.
- III. Telegrams^{ff} dated 15 July 1969 addressed to the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of El Salvador and Honduras appealing to both Governments to desist from the use of force and to direct their efforts towards the use of peaceful means for settling their differences.

^{aa} *Ibid.*, S/9362.

^{bb} *Ibid.*, S/9377.

^{cc} *Ibid.*, S/9378.

^{dd} S C, Suppl. for July-Sept., S/7338/Add. 5-15.

^{ee} S C, Suppl. for Oct.-Dec., S/7552

^{ff} S C, Suppl. for July-Sept., S/9332 and S/9333.



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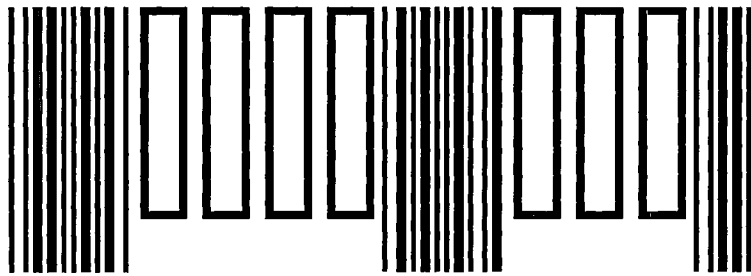
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