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 organizations and from States parties to a dispute or situation was continued during this period.\(^1\)

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.\(^2\) 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.\(^3\)

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\(^1\) See annex, sections A and B.
\(^2\) Ibid., section C.
\(^3\) Ibid., section D.
ANNEX

Tabulation of communications

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


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

I. Telegram 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 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 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 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 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 dated 26 September 1967: transmitting the text of the Final Act of the Twelfth Meeting of Consultation of Ministers of Foreign Affairs.

VII. Telegram 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 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 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 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 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. Telegram 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 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 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


II. Letter dated 5 December 1966: Mexico, informing that it had abstained from voting on the resolution adopted 28 November 1966 by the OAS Council.


VI. Letter 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 dated 15 July 1969: Honduras, giving an account of casualties resulting from Salvadorian military attacks.

VIII. Letter 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 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 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.


XIII. Letter*** 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* dated 2 July-21 September 1966, on the withdrawal of the Inter-American Peace Force from the Dominican Republic.


III. Telegrams* 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.

* Ibid., S/9362.
** Ibid., S/9377.
*** Ibid., S/9378.
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