Fortieth session
Agenda item 73

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COLLECTIVE SECURITY PROVISIONS OF THE CHARTER
OF THE UNITED NATIONS FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE
AND SECURITY

Report of the First Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The item entitled "Implementation of the collective security provisions of the
   Charter of the United Nations for the maintenance of international peace and
   security: report of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Implementation of the Collective
   Security Provisions of the Charter of the United Nations" was included in the
   provisional agenda of the fortieth session of the General Assembly, in accordance

2. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 20 September 1985, the General Assembly, on the
   recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item on its agenda
   and to allocate it to the First Committee.

3. The First Committee considered item 73 jointly with items 71 and 72 between
   the 55th and 61st meetings, held from 2 to 6 December (see A/C.1/40/PV.55-61).

4. In connection with item 73, the First Committee had before it the following
documents:

   (a) Note by the Secretary-General which reproduced the comments received from
       Governments in reply to a note verbale addressed to them in accordance with General
       Assembly resolution 39/158 of 17 December 1984 (A/40/454);

   (b) Letters dated 26 December and 28 December 1984, 2 January, 4 January,
       7 January, 10 January, 14 January, 15 January, 22 January, 29 January, 7 February,
       12 February, 14 February, 19 February, 27 February, 18 March, 19 March, 25 March,
       28 March, 15 April, 18 April, 13 May, 14 May, 3 June, 10 June, 11 June, 1 July,


(d) Letter dated 19 February 1985 from the Permanent Representative of China to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/40/138-S/16968);

(e) Letter dated 28 October 1985 from the Permanent Representative of the Bahamas to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the text of a communiqué adopted by heads of Governments of Commonwealth States at their summit, held at Nassau from 16 to 22 October 1985 (A/40/817);

(f) Letter dated 5 November 1985 from the Permanent Representative of Angola to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the Final Political Declaration and the Economic Declaration adopted by the Conference of Foreign Ministers of the Non-Aligned Countries, held at Luanda from 4 to 7 September 1985 (A/40/854-S/17610 and Corr.1);

(g) Letter dated 15 November 1985 from the Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/40/899-S/17636).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.1/40/L.87

5. At the 61st meeting, on 6 December, the representative of Ghana, on behalf of Ghana, Malaysia, Mali, Nigeria and Trinidad and Tobago, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Implementation of the collective security provisions of the Charter of the United Nations for the maintenance of international peace and security" (A/C.1/40/L.87). /...
6. At the same meeting, a statement by the Secretary-General on the programme budget implications of the draft resolution (A/C.1/40/L.87) was circulated in document A/C.1/40/L.89.

7. Also, at the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.1/40/L.87, as orally revised, by a recorded vote of 91 to 21, with 16 abstentions (see para. 8). The voting was as follows: 1/

**In favour:** Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Australia, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burma, Burundi, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Comoros, Congo, Cyprus, Democratic Kampuchea, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, Ghana, Greece, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ivory Coast (Côte d'Ivoire), Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Morocco, Mozambique, Nepal, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Somalia, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

**Against:** Afghanistan, Belgium, Bulgaria, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, France, German Democratic Republic, Germany, Federal Republic of, Hungary, Italy, Luxembourg, Mongolia, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Turkey, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

**Abstaining:** Austria, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Grenada, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Japan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, New Zealand, Norway, Papua New Guinea, Spain, Sweden, Viet Nam.

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIRST COMMITTEE

8. The First Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

1/ The delegation of Burkina Faso subsequently indicated that it had intended to vote in favour.
Implementation of the collective security provisions of the Charter of the United Nations for the maintenance of international peace and security

The General Assembly,


Reaffirming that the primary function of the United Nations, in particular through the Security Council, is the maintenance of international peace and security,

Stressing that the purposes of the United Nations can be achieved only under conditions in which States comply fully with their obligations assumed under the Charter,

Alarmed over the growing tendency of States to resort to the use of force, intervention and interference in the internal affairs of States, thus ignoring the Charter and the Declaration on Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Co-operation among States, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, 2/

Concerned that the Security Council has not always been able to take decisive action for the maintenance of international peace and for resolving international problems,

Recognizing that fundamental approaches to genuine security include, inter alia, the strengthening of the Charter system of collective security,

Conscious of the important role with which the Security Council is entrusted in enhancing the collective security provisions of the Charter for the promotion of peace and security in the world in accordance with the Charter,

Regretting that the provisions of the Charter relating to collective security measures have not been fully implemented,

Taking into account, in this connection, the reports of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization to the General Assembly at

2/ Resolution 2625 (XXV), annex.
its thirty-seventh, thirty-eighth, thirty-ninth and fortieth sessions, 6/

Also taking into account the statement by the President of the Security Council at the commemorative session of the Council on 26 September 1985, 7/

Recalling the Final Political Declaration adopted by the Conference of Foreign Ministers of the Non-Aligned Countries held at Luanda from 4 to 7 September 1985, 8/

Also recalling the views of the Governments of the five Nordic countries on the strengthening of the United Nations, 9/

Taking note of the note by the Secretary-General on the implementation of the collective security provisions of the Charter of the United Nations for the maintenance of international peace and security, 10/

Having considered the item entitled, "Implementation of the collective security provisions of the Charter of the United Nations for the maintenance of international peace and security",

1. Regrets that the Ad Hoc Committee on the Implementation of the Collective Security Provisions of the Charter of the United Nations which the General Assembly, by its resolution 38/191, decided to establish for the purpose of exploring ways and means of implementing the said provisions has not been constituted;

2. Requests the President of the General Assembly, as a matter of urgency, to appoint fifty-four Member States and, on the basis of consultation already conducted, to constitute the membership of the Ad Hoc Committee on the basis of equitable geographical representation and including the permanent members of the Security Council;


6/ Ibid., Fortieth Session, Supplement No. 1 (A/40/1).

7/ S/PV.2608.

8/ A/40/854-S/17610, annex I, sect. V.


10/ A/40/454.
3. **Requests** the Secretary-General urgently to invite those Member States that have not yet done so, to communicate to him not later than 30 April 1986 their views and comments on the matter and to transmit those views and comments to the Ad Hoc Committee as soon as possible;

4. **Requests** the Ad Hoc Committee, in considering the matter, to take due account of the views and comments of Member States, including their recommendations, and to submit a progress report to the Security Council for its consideration and comments and to the General Assembly at its forty-first session, and a final report to the Assembly at its forty-second session;

5. **Decides** to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-first session the item entitled "Implementation of the collective security provisions of the Charter of the United Nations for the maintenance of international peace and security".