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SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: The Situation in Hungary

DATE ADOPTED: 4 November 1956

VOTE: 50 in favor, eight against (Albania, Bulgaria, Byelorussia, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Rumania, Ukraine, USSR), with 15 abstentions (Afghanistan, Burma, Ceylon, Egypt, Finland, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Jordan, Libya, Nepal, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Yemen and Yugoslavia.)

RESOLUTION AS APPROVED BY ASSEMBLY: A/RES/393

TEXT OF RESOLUTION

The General Assembly,

Considering that the United Nations is based on the principle of the sovereign equality of all its Members,

Recalling that the enjoyment of human rights and of fundamental freedom in Hungary was specifically guaranteed by the Peace Treaty between Hungary and the Allied and Associated Powers signed at Paris on 10 February 1947 and that the general principle of these rights and this freedom is affirmed for all peoples in the Charter of the United Nations,

Convinced that recent events in Hungary manifest clearly the desire of the Hungarian people to exercise and to enjoy fully their fundamental rights, freedom and independence,

Condemning the use of Soviet military forces to suppress the efforts of the Hungarian people to reassert their rights,

Noting moreover the declaration by the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics of 30 October 1956, of its avowed policy of non-intervention in the internal affairs of other states,

Noting the communication of 1 November 1956 from the Government of Hungary to the Secretary-General regarding demands made by that Government to the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics for the instant and immediate withdrawal of Soviet forces,
Noting further the communication of 2 November 1956 from the Government of Hungary to the Secretary-General asking the Security Council to instruct the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the Government of Hungary to start the negotiations immediately on withdrawal of Soviet forces,

Noting that the intervention of Soviet military forces in Hungary has resulted in grave loss of life and widespread bloodshed among the Hungarian people,

Taking note of the radio appeal of Prime Minister Imre Nagy of 4 November 1956,

1. Calls upon the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to desist forthwith from all armed attack on the people of Hungary and from any form of intervention, in particular armed intervention, in the internal affairs of Hungary;

2. Calls upon the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to cease the introduction of additional armed forces into Hungary and to withdraw all of its forces without delay from Hungarian territory;

3. Affirms the right of the Hungarian people to a government responsive to its national aspirations and dedicated to its independence and well-being;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to investigate the situation caused by foreign intervention in Hungary, to observe the situation directly through representatives named by him, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at the earliest moment, and as soon as possible suggest methods to bring an end to the foreign intervention in Hungary in accordance with the principles of the Charter of the United Nations;

5. Calls upon the Government of Hungary and the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to permit observers designated by the Secretary-General to enter the territory of Hungary, to travel freely therein, and to report their findings to the Secretary-General;

6. Calls upon all Members of the United Nations to cooperate with the Secretary-General and his representatives in the execution of his functions;
7. Requests the Secretary-General in consultation with the heads of appropriate specialized agencies to inquire, on an urgent basis, into the needs of the Hungarian people for food, medicine and other similar supplies, and to report to the General Assembly as soon as possible;

8. Requests all Members of the United Nations, and invites national and international humanitarian organizations to cooperate in making available such supplies as may be required by the Hungarian people.

+++ SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: The Situation in Hungary +++

DATE ADOPTED: 9 November 1956

VOTE: 48 in favor, 11 against (Albania, Bulgaria, Byelorussia, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, India, Poland, Rumania, Ukraine, USSR and Yugoslavia,) with 16 abstentions (Afghanistan, Austria, Burma, Cambodia, Ceylon, Egypt, Finland, Haiti, Indonesia, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Nepal, Saudi Arabia, Syria and Yemen.)

RESOLUTION AS APPROVED BY ASSEMBLY: A/RES/397

TEXT OF RESOLUTION

The General Assembly,

Noting with deep concern that the provisions of its resolution of 4 November 1956 have not yet been carried out and that the violent repression by the Soviet forces of the efforts of the Hungarian people to achieve freedom and independence continues,

Convinced that the recent events in Hungary manifest clearly the desire of the Hungarian people to exercise and to enjoy fully their fundamental rights, freedom and independence,

Considering that foreign intervention in Hungary is an intolerable attempt to deny to the Hungarian people the exercise and the enjoyment of such rights, freedom and independence, and in particular to deny to the Hungarian people the right to a government freely elected and representing their national aspirations,
Considering that the repression undertaken by the Soviet forces in Hungary constitutes a violation of the Charter of the United Nations and of the Peace Treaty between Hungary and the Allied and Associated Powers,

Considering that the immediate withdrawal of the Soviet forces from Hungarian territory is necessary;

1. Calls again upon the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to withdraw its forces from Hungary without any further delay;

2. Considers that free elections should be held in Hungary under United Nations auspices, as soon as law and order have been restored, to enable the people of Hungary to determine for themselves the form of Government they wish to establish in their country;

3. Reaffirms its request to the Secretary-General to continue to investigate, through representatives named by him, the situation caused by foreign intervention in Hungary and to report at the earliest possible moment to the General Assembly;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to report in the shortest possible time to the General Assembly on compliance herewith.

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SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: The Situation in Hungary

DATE ADOPTED: 9 November 1956

VOTE: 53 in favor, nine against (Albania, Bulgaria, Byelorussia, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Poland, Rumania, Ukraine, USSR), with 13 abstentions (Afghanistan, Burma, Cambodia, Ceylon, Egypt, India, Indonesia, Jordan, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Yemen, Yugoslavia.)

RESOLUTION AS APPROVED BY ASSEMBLY: A/RES/398

TEXT OF RESOLUTION

The General Assembly,

Considering that the military authorities of the Union
of Soviet Socialist Republics are interfering with the trans-
portation and distribution of food and medical supplies urgently
needed by the civilian population in Hungary,

1. Calls upon the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
to cease immediately actions against the Hungarian population
which are in violation of the accepted standards and principles
of international law, justice and morality;

2. Calls upon the Hungarian authorities to facilitate,
and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics not to interfere with,
the receipt and distribution of food and medical supplies to the
Hungarian people and to cooperate fully with the United Nations
and its specialized agencies, as well as with other international
organizations such as the International Red Cross, to provide
humanitarian assistance to the people of Hungary;

3. Urges the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and
the Hungarian authorities to cooperate fully with the Secretary-
General and his duly appointed representatives in the carrying
out of the tasks referred to above.

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Considering that, as a result of the harsh and repressive
action of the Soviet armed forces, increasingly large numbers of
refugees are being obliged to leave Hungary and to seek asylum in
neighboring countries.

1. Requests the Secretary-General to call upon the
United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to consult with
other appropriate international agencies and interested Govern-
ments with a view to making speedy and effective arrangement for
emergency assistance to refugees from Hungary;

2. Urges Member States to make special contributions
for this purpose.

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SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: The Situation in Hungary

DATE ADOPTED: 9 November 1956

VOTE: 67 in favor, none against, with eight abstentions (Albania,
Bulgaria, Byelorussia, Czechoslovakia, Liberia, Rumania,
Ukraine, USSR).
TEXT OF RESOLUTION

The General Assembly,

Considering the extreme suffering to which the Hungarian people are subjected,

Urgently wishing effectively to eliminate this suffering,

Convinced that humanitarian duties can be fulfilled most effectively through the international cooperation stipulated in Article 1, paragraph 3, of the Charter of the United Nations,

1. Resolves to undertake on a large scale immediate aid for the affected territories by furnishing medical supplies, foodstuffs and clothes;

2. Calls upon all Member States to participate to the greatest extent possible in this relief action;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to undertake immediately the necessary measures;

4. Urgently appeals to all countries concerned to give full assistance to the Secretary-General in the implementation of this task.

SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: The Situation in Hungary

DATE ADOPTED: 10 November 1956

VOTE: 53 in favor, nine against, with eight abstentions (Egypt, Greece, Guatemala, India, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Yemen, Yugoslavia.)

RESOLUTION AS APPROVED BY ASSEMBLY: A/RES/401

TEXT OF RESOLUTION

The General Assembly,

1. Decides to place on the provisional agenda of its
eleventh regular session, as a matter of priority, the question on the agenda of its second emergency special session; 

2. Refers to its eleventh regular session for consideration the records of the meetings and the documents of its second emergency special session; 

3. Decides that, notwithstanding paragraph 1 above, the second emergency special session may continue to consider the question, if necessary, prior to the eleventh regular session of the Assembly.

SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Question Considered by the Second Emergency Special Session of the General Assembly from 4 to 10 November 1956

DATE ADOPTED: 21 November 1956

VOTE: 55 in favor, 10 against (Albania, Bulgaria, Byelorussia, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Poland, Rumania, Ukraine, USSR and Yugoslavia) with 14 abstentions (Afghanistan, Egypt, Finland, India, Indonesia, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Syria, Tunisia and Yemen.)

RESOLUTION AS APPROVED BY ASSEMBLY: A/RES/407

TEXT OF RESOLUTION

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 1004 (ES-II) of 4 November 1956 and 1005 (ES-II) of 9 November 1956 adopted at the Second Emergency special session,

Noting that the Secretary-General has been requested to report to the General Assembly on compliance with resolutions 1004 (ES-II) and 1005 (ES-II),

Having received information that the Soviet army of occupation in Hungary is forcibly deporting Hungarian men, women and children from their homes to places outside Hungary,
Recalling the principles of the Charter of the United Nations, in particular the principle embodied in Article 2, paragraph 4, the obligations assumed by all Member States under Articles 55 and 56 of the Charter, the principles of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, in particular article II (c) and (d), to which Hungary and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics are parties, and the Treaty of Peace with Hungary, in particular the provisions of article 2,

1. Considers that the information received adds urgency to the necessity of prompt compliance with resolutions 1004 (ES-II) and 1005 (ES-II) calling for the prompt withdrawal of Soviet forces from Hungary and for the dispatch of observers to Hungary by the Secretary-General;

2. Urges the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the Hungarian authorities to take immediate steps to cease the deportation of Hungarian citizens and to return promptly to their homes those who have been deported from Hungarian territory;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to keep the General Assembly informed as to compliance with this as well as the above-mentioned resolutions, so that the Assembly may be in a position to consider such further action as it may deem necessary.

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SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Question Considered by the Second Emergency Special Session of the General Assembly from 4 to 10 November 1956

DATE ADOPTED: 21 November 1956

VOTE: 57 in favor, eight against (Albania, Bulgaria, Byelorussia, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Rumania, Ukraine and the USSR), with 14 abstentions (Chile, China, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Tunisia, Jordan, Panama, Paraguay, Poland, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Yemen and Yugoslavia.)

RESOLUTION AS APPROVED BY ASSEMBLY: A/RES/402

TEXT OF RESOLUTION

The General Assembly,

Noting that certain Member States have affirmed
that Hungarian nationals have been forcibly deported from their country.

Noting further that certain other Member States were categorically affirmed that no such deportations have taken place,

Recalling paragraph 5 of its resolution 1004 (ES-II) of 4 November 1956, in which the Government of Hungary is asked to permit observers designated by the Secretary-General to enter the territory of Hungary, to travel freely therein, and to report their findings to the Secretary-General,

Noting that the Secretary-General is pursuing his efforts in this regard with the Hungarian Government,

Noting further that the Secretary-General has urged Hungary as a Member of the United Nations to cooperate with the great majority in the clarification of the situation,

1. Urges Hungary to accede to the request made by the Secretary-General without prejudice to its sovereignty;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly without delay.

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SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Question Considered by the Second Emergency Special Session of the General Assembly from 4 to 10 November 1956

DATE ADOPTED: 21 November 1956

VOTE: 69 in favor, two against (Hungary and Rumania), with eight abstentions (Albania, Bulgaria, Byelorussia, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Sudan, Ukraine and the USSR.)

RESOLUTION AS APPROVED BY ASSEMBLY: A/RES/409

TEXT OF RESOLUTION

The General Assembly,

Noting the grave situation described in the report of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
to the Secretary-General in document A/3371 and Corr. 1 and Add. 1,

Considering that the flow of refugees from Hungary continues at a high rate,

Recognizing the urgent need of these tens of thousands of refugees for care and resettlement,

1. Takes note with appreciation of the action taken by the Secretary-General to determine and help to meet the need of the Hungarian refugees, and by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to assist these refugees and to bring about coordinated action on their behalf by Governments, inter-governmental agencies and non-governmental organizations;

2. Requests the Secretary-General and the High Commissioner for Refugees to continue their efforts;

3. Urges Governments and non-governmental organizations to make contributions to the Secretary-General, to the High Commissioner for Refugees or to other appropriate agencies for the care and resettlement of Hungarian refugees, and to coordinate their aid programs in consultation with the Office of the High Commissioner;

4. Requests the Secretary-General and the High Commissioner for Refugees to make an immediate appeal to both Governments and non-governmental organizations to meet the minimum present needs as estimated in the report of the Office of the High Commissioner for Refugees to the Secretary-General and authorizes them to make subsequent appeals on the basis of plans and estimates made by the High Commissioner with the concurrence of his Executive Committee.

SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Question Considered by the Second Emergency Special Session of the General Assembly from 4 to 10 November 1956

DATE ADOPTED: 4 December 1956

VOTE: 54 in favor, 10 against (Albania, Bulgaria, Byelorussia, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Poland, Rumania, Ukraine, USSR and Yugoslavia,) with 14 abstentions (Afghanistan, Burma, Ceylon, Egypt, Finland, India, Indonesia, Jordan, Morocco,
Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Syria, Tunisia and Yemen.)

RESOLUTION AS APPROVED BY ASSEMBLY: A/RES/413

TEXT OF RESOLUTION

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 1004 (ES-II) of 4 November 1956, 1005 (ES-II), 1006 (ES-II) and 1007 (ES-II) of 9 November 1956, and A/RES/407 and A/RES/408 of 21 November 1956 relating to the tragic events in Hungary,

Having received and noted the report of the Secretary-General that United Nations observers have not been permitted to enter Hungary,

Noting with deep concern that the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics has failed to comply with the provisions of the United Nations resolutions calling upon it to desist from its intervention in the internal affairs of Hungary, to cease its deportations of Hungarian citizens and to return promptly to their homes those it has already deported, to withdraw its armed forces from Hungary and to cease its repression of the Hungarian people,

1. Reiterates its call upon the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the Hungarian authorities to comply with the above resolutions and to permit United Nations observers to enter the territory of Hungary, to travel freely therein and to report their findings to the Secretary-General;

2. Requests the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the Hungarian authorities to communicate to the Secretary-General, not later than 7 December 1956, their consent to receive United Nations observers;

3. Recommends that in the meantime the Secretary-General arrange for the immediate dispatch to Hungary, and other countries as appropriate, of observers named by him pursuant to paragraph 4 of resolution 1004 (ES-II);

4. Requests the Governments of all Member States to cooperate with the representatives named by the Secretary-General by extending such assistance and providing such facilities as may be necessary for the effective discharge of their responsibilities.
SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Question considered by the Second Emergency Special Session of the General Assembly from 4 to 10 November 1956

DATE ADOPTED: 12 December 1956

VOTE: 55 in favor, eight against (Albania, Bulgaria, Byelorussia, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Rumania, the Ukraine and the USSR), with 13 abstentions (Afghanistan, Cambodia, Egypt, Finland, India, Indonesia, Jordan, Morocco, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Syria, Yemen and Yugoslavia.)

RESOLUTION AS APPROVED BY ASSEMBLY: A/RES/424

TEXT OF RESOLUTION

The General Assembly,

Deeply concerned over the tragic events in Hungary,

Recalling those provisions of its resolutions 1004 (ES-II) of 4 November 1956, 1005 (ES-II) of 9 November 1956, A/RES/407 of 21 November 1956 and A/RES/413 of 4 December 1956, calling upon the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to desist from its intervention in the internal affairs of Hungary, to withdraw its forces from Hungary and to cease its repression of the Hungarian people,

Recalling also those provisions of its resolutions 1004 (ES-II) and A/RES/407, calling for permission for United Nations observers to enter the territory of Hungary, to travel freely therein and to report their findings to the Secretary-General,

Having received the report of the Secretary-General of 30 November 1956, stating that no information is available to the Secretary-General concerning steps taken in order to establish compliance with the decisions of the General Assembly which refer to a withdrawal of troops or related political matters, and the note of the Secretary-General of 7 December 1956,

Noting with grave concern that there has not been a reply to the latest appeal of the General Assembly for the admission of United Nations observers to Hungary, as contained in its resolution (A/RES/413,
TEXT OF RESOLUTION

The General Assembly,

Having considered the supplementary report, dated 14 July 1958, of the United Nations Special Committee established by resolution 1132 (XI) to report on the problem of Hungary.

Having considered the report, dated 9 December 1957, of the United Nations Special Representative, H.R.H. Prince Wan Waithayakon, who was appointed by General Assembly resolution 1133 (XI) to take steps to achieve the objectives of the General Assembly resolutions 1004 (ES-II), 1127 (XI), 1131 (XI) and 1132 (XI),

1. Expresses its appreciation to its Special Representative, Prince Wan Waithayakon, for the efforts he has made to enter into consultation with the appropriate authorities with a view to achieving the objectives of the resolutions referred to above;

2. Endorses the Special Committee's unanimous report dated 14 July 1958 and expresses its thanks to the Special Committee for its objective and efficient discharge of the tasks entrusted to it;

3. Deplores the continued refusal of the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the regime in Hungary to cooperate with the Special Representative and with the Committee in their efforts to achieve the objectives of the United Nations in accordance with the pertinent resolutions of the General Assembly;

4. Deplores the continuing repression in Hungary of fundamental rights of the Hungarian people and their freedom of political expression under the shadow of the continuing presence of Soviet armed forces;

5. Denounces the execution of Imre Nagy, General Pal Maleter and other Hungarian patriots;

6. Condemns this continued defiance of the resolutions of the General Assembly;

7. Again calls upon the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the present authorities in Hungary to desist from repressive measures against the Hungarian people and to respect the liberty and political independence of Hungary and the Hungarian people's enjoyment of fundamental human rights and freedoms;

8. Declares that the United Nations will continue to be seized of the situation in Hungary in view of the fact that the Government of the USSR and the present authorities in Hungary are disregarding the above-mentioned resolutions of the General Assembly;
9. Decides to appoint Sir Leslie Munro to represent the United Nations for the purpose of reporting to Member States or to the General Assembly on significant developments relating to the implementation of the resolutions of the General Assembly on Hungary;

10. Requests the Secretary-General to provide the necessary facilities to assist Sir Leslie Munro in the performance of his duties.

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SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Question of Hungary
DATE ADOPTED: 9 December 1959
VOTE: 53 in favor, 10 against, with 17 abstentions
DOCUMENT NUMBERS: RESOLUTION SUBMITTED TO ASSEMBLY: A/L.273
RESOLUTION AS APPROVED BY ASSEMBLY:

TEXT OF RESOLUTION

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the United Nations Representative on Hungary, Sir Leslie Munro, who was appointed by General Assembly resolution 1312 (XIII) for the purpose of reporting to Member States or to the General Assembly on significant developments relating to the implementation of the resolutions of the General Assembly on Hungary,

1. Deplores the continued disregard by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the present Hungarian regime of the General Assembly's resolutions dealing with the situation in Hungary;

2. Calls upon the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the present authorities in Hungary to cooperate with the United Nations Representative on Hungary;

3. Requests the United Nations Representative on Hungary to continue his efforts.

End