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- a.) Text of letter sent by 9 perm. missions to secretariat of the U.N.
- b.) Text of letter sent by 38 missions to Sec.-Gen. requesting special session of Gen. Assembly
- c.) Text of telegram from O.H. to Permanent Representatives re requests for Session

7 August

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PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES AS PER ATTACHED LIST

PLEASE BRING FOLLOWING ATTENTION YOUR GOVERNMENT BEGINS HAVE HONOUR NOTIFY YOU OF RECEIPT OF FOLLOWING LETTER DATED 7 AUGUST 1961 QUOTE ONE ON THE INSTRUCTIONS OF OUR RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS COMMA WE HAVE THE HONOUR TO REQUEST THE CONVENING OF A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY UNDER RULES 8 (a) AND 9 (a) OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMA TO CONSIDER THE GRAVE SITUATION IN TUNISIA OBTAINING SINCE 19 JULY 1961 COMMA IN VIEW OF THE FAILURE OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL TO TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION STOP TWO IN VIEW OF THE GRAVITY OF THE SITUATION COMMA WE REQUEST THAT THIS SPECIAL SESSION BE HELD AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER THE CONCURRENCE OF A MAJORITY OF MEMBER STATES STOP WE TRUST THAT COMMA IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES COMMA THIS WOULD BE IN CONFORMITY WITH THE WISHES OF MEMBER STATES STOP SIGNED BY AFGHANISTAN COMMA BRAZIL COMMA BURMA COMMA CAMBODIA COMMA CEYLON COMMA CONGO PAREN LEOPOLDVILLE ENDPAREN COMMA CUBA COMMA CYPRUS COMMA ETHIOPIA COMMA FEDERATION OF MALAYA COMMA GHANA COMMA GUINEA COMMA INDIA COMMA INDONESIA COMMA IRAN COMMA IRAQ COMMA JORDAN COMMA LAGS COMMA LEBANON COMMA LIBERIA COMMA LIBYA COMMA MALI COMMA MOROCCO COMMA NEPAL COMMA NIGERIA COMMA PAKISTAN COMMA PHILIPPINES COMMA SAUDI ARABIA COMMA SOMALIA COMMA SUDAN COMMA THAILAND COMMA TOGO COMMA TUNISIA COMMA TURKEY COMMA UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC COMMA UPPER VOLTA COMMA YEMEN AND YUGOSLAVIA STOP UNQUOTE PARAGRAPH BUT FURTHER LETTER DATED 7 AUGUST 1961

FOLLOWING STATES HAVE ASSOCIATED THEMSELVES WITH REQUEST FOR SPECIAL SESSION COLON
ALBANIA COMMA BULGARIA COMMA BYELORUSSIAN SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLIC COMMA CZECHOSLOVAKIA
COMMA HUNGARY COMMA POLAND COMMA ROMANIA COMMA UKRAINIAN SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLIC COMMA
UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS STOP PARAGRAPH ACCORDING TO RULE 9 (a) ASSEMBLYS
RULES OF PROCEDURE COMMA HAVE HONOUR INQUIRE WHETHER YOUR GOVERNMENT CONCURS IN ABOVE
REQUEST FOR CONVENING SPECIAL SESSION STOP WOULD APPRECIATE EARLY REPLY STOP

DAG HAMMARSKJOLD

SECRETARY-GENERAL

UNATIONS

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Dag Hammarskjöld
Secretary-General

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TEXT OF LETTER SENT BY REPRESENTATIVES OF 38 DELEGATIONS

TO SECRETARY-GENERAL DAG HAMMARSKJOLD,
REQUESTING SPECIAL SESSION OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY

7 August 1961

On the instructions of our respective governments, we have the honor to request the convening of a special session of the General Assembly under rules 8(a) and 9(a) of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, to consider the grave situation in Tunisia obtaining since 19 July 1961, in view of the failure of the Security Council to take appropriate action.

In view of the gravity of the situation, we request that this special session be held as soon as possible after the concurrence of a majority of member states. We trust that, in these circumstances, this would be in conformity with the wishes of member states.

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(The letter was signed by the representatives of Afghanistan, Brazil, Burma, Cambodia, Ceylon, Congo (Leopoldville), Cuba, Cyprus, Ethiopia, Federation of Malaya, Ghana, Guinea, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Laos, Lebanon, Liberia, Libya, Mali, Morocco, Nepal, Nigeria, Pakistan, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Sudan, Thailand, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, United Arab Republic, Upper Volta, Yemen and Yugoslavia.)

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TEXT OF LETTER SENT BY NINE PERMANENT MISSIONS
TO SECRETARIAT OF THE UNITED NATIONS,
REQUESTING SPECIAL SESSION OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

7 August 1961

The permanent missions to the United Nations of the People's Republic of Albania, the People's Republic of Bulgaria, the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic, the Hungarian People's Republic, the Polish People's Republic, the Romanian People's Republic, the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, acting on the instructions of their governments,

Having regard to the letter of 7 August 1961 signed by a number of Asian, African and other states, in which attention is drawn to the grave situation in Tunisia obtaining since 19 July 1961,

Request the convening of a special session of the General Assembly under rules 8 (a) and 9 (a) of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly.

The above missions associate themselves with the request made in the letter, in view of the gravity of the situation, that this special session be held as soon as possible.

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SPECIAL SESSION OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON SITUATION IN TUNISIA
TO CONVENE ON MONDAY, 21 AUGUST, AT 10:30 A.M.

Secretary-General Sends Telegram Informing Permanent Representatives of
Concurrence by Majority of Members in Request for Session

Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold today sent the following telegram to the Permanent Representatives of member states of the United Nations:

Please bring following attention your government:

Have honor inform you that a majority of members have today concurred in the request for the holding of a special session of the General Assembly to consider the situation in Tunisia. In accordance with rules 3 and 8(a)* of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly I have the honor to notify you that the special session will meet in the General Assembly Hall at Headquarters, New York, on Monday, 21 August 1961, at 10:30 a.m.

Provisional agenda of special session follows:

1. Opening of session by Chairman of Irish delegation
2. Minute of silent prayer or meditation
3. Election of Credentials Committee
4. Election of President
5. Organization of session
6. Adoption of agenda
7. Consideration of the grave situation in Tunisia obtaining since 19 July 1961.

Credentials for those representatives who are not authorized to represent their governments in the General Assembly should be issued in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure and may be presented by cable.

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* Rule 3 states: "Sessions shall be held at the Headquarters of the United Nations unless convened elsewhere in pursuance of a decision of the General Assembly at a previous session or at the request of a majority of the Members of the United Nations."

Rule 8(a) states: "Special sessions of the General Assembly shall be held within fifteen days of the receipt by the Secretary-General of a request for such a session from the Security Council, or of a request from a majority of the Members of the United Nations, or of the concurrence of a majority of Members as provided in rule 9."