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DRAFT RESOLUTION

The General Assembly,

Recalling the Government of Egypt's request for the assistance of the United Nations in the clearing of the obstructions in the Suez Canal,

Recalling its resolution of November 24, 1956, under which the Secretary-General was authorized to proceed with the exploration of practical arrangements and the negotiation of agreements so that the clearing operation might be speedily and effectively undertaken,

Recalling that the Secretary-General, pursuant to the authority contained in the aforementioned resolution, requested from various Governments and received as advances the funds necessary to proceed with the clearing operation,

Noting with satisfaction that the work of clearing the Canal under UN auspices has been successfully completed and that it is essential that the advances made to the UN be repaid,

Desiring that repayment be effected without prejudice to any question of legal responsibility for the cost of clearing the Canal,

Mindful that the clearing of the Canal is of direct and immediate benefit to all shipping using the Canal,

Decides that the most feasible and equitable system for repaying the advances is for all shipping using the Canal to pay a surcharge equivalent to three (ten) percent of the tolls payable for passage through the Canal until such time as an amount adequate for prepayment of the advances has been received,

Authorizes the Secretary-General to take the necessary steps to implement this decision by arranging for the collection of the surcharge referred to in the preceding paragraph and for the repayment of the advances made to the UN for the purpose of clearing the Canal,

Urges member Governments to cooperate fully with the Secretary-General in order to enable him successfully to carry out his responsibilities under this resolution.