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THE QUESTION OF HUNGARY BEFORE THE UNITED NATIONS

The following, in chronological order, are the main decisions taken on the question of Hungary by the Security Council, by the Second Emergency Special Session of the General Assembly and by the Eleventh Regular Session of the Assembly:

SECURITY COUNCIL

28 October 1956 -- At the request of France, the United Kingdom and the United States, the Council decided to place on its agenda the item, "Situation in Hungary." The vote was 9 to 1 (USSR) with 1 abstention (Yugoslavia).

4 November 1956 -- The Council adopted, by a vote of 10 to 1 (USSR), a United States motion to call an emergency special session of the General Assembly, under the "Uniting-for-Peace" resolution, to consider the situation in Hungary.

This action was taken following rejection, because of the negative vote of a permanent member, of a United States draft resolution asking the USSR, among other things, to withdraw its forces from Hungary without delay (Doc. S/3730/Rev.1). The vote on the United States proposal was 9 in favor, 1 against (USSR), with Yugoslavia not participating.\*

GENERAL ASSEMBLY (Second Emergency Special Session)

4 November 1956 -- The session adopted a United States resolution, as amended by France --Res. 1004 (ES-II) -- calling upon the USSR to desist forthwith from all armed attack on the people of Hungary and from any form of intervention, to cease the introduction of additional

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\*Later Yugoslavia recorded its abstention. (more)

armed forces into Hungary and to withdraw all its forces without delay. It called upon Hungary and the USSR to permit UN observers to enter the territory of Hungary, and requested all UN members, and national and international humanitarian organizations, to cooperate in making available relief supplies required by the Hungarian people.

The resolution was adopted by a vote of 50 to 8 (Albania, Bulgaria, Byelorussia, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Romania, the Ukraine, USSR) with 15 abstentions (Afghanistan, Burma, Ceylon, Egypt, Finland, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Jordan, Libya, Nepal, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Yemen and Yugoslavia).

9 November 1956 -- Three resolutions were adopted:

The first, a five-power resolution (Cuba, Ireland, Italy, Pakistan and Peru -- 1005 (ES-II) -- called upon the USSR to withdraw its forces from Hungary without any further delay, considered that free elections should be held in Hungary under UN auspices as soon as law and order was restored, and reaffirmed its request to the Secretary-General to continue to investigate the situation.

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

The second, a United States-sponsored resolution -- 1006 (ES-II) -- called upon the Hungarian authorities to facilitate, and the USSR not to interfere with, the receipt and distribution of food and medical supplies, urged full cooperation with the Secretary-General's representatives, and requested speedy arrangements through the United Nations High Commission for Refugees for emergency assistance to Hungarian refugees.

The vote was 53 to 9 (Albania, Bulgaria, Byelorussia, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Ukraine, USSR), with 13 abstentions (Afghanistan, Burma, Cambodia, Ceylon, Egypt, India, Indonesia, Jordan, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Yemen, Yugoslavia).

The third resolution -- 1007 (ES-II) -- called upon all member states to participate in large-scale relief action for the people of Hungary and asked the Secretary-General to undertake necessary measures immediately. This was sponsored by Austria.

Adopted 67 in favor, none against with 8 abstentions (Albania, Bulgaria, Byelorussia, Czechoslovakia, Liberia, Romania, Ukraine, USSR).

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10 November 1956 -- The Special Session decided -- 1008 (ES-II) -- to transfer the question of Hungary to the provisional agenda of the Eleventh Regular Session of the Assembly. The United States-sponsored resolution, as amended by Italy, was approved, 53 in favor, 9 against, with 8 abstentions.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY (Eleventh Regular Session)

21 November 1956 -- Three resolutions were adopted on this date.

The first, sponsored by Cuba -- Res. 1127 (XI) -- urged the USSR and the Hungarian authorities to take immediate steps to cease deportations of Hungarians.

Adopted by a vote of 55 to 10 (Albania, Bulgaria, Byelorussia, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Ukraine, USSR, Yugoslavia), with 14 abstentions (Afghanistan, Egypt, Finland, India, Indonesia, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Syria, Tunisia, Yemen).

The second, sponsored jointly by Ceylon, India and Indonesia -- 1128 (XI) -- urged Hungary to accede to the Secretary-General's request to permit United Nations observers to enter Hungary.

Adopted by a vote of 57 to 8 (Albania, Bulgaria, Byelorussia, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Romania, Ukraine, USSR), with 14 abstentions (Chile, China, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Ethiopia, Jordan, Panama, Paraguay, Poland, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Yemen, Yugoslavia).

The third resolution, sponsored by Argentina, Belgium, Denmark and the United States -- 1129 (XI) -- urged governments and non-governmental organizations to make contributions for the care and resettlement of Hungarian refugees, and requested the Secretary-General and the High Commissioner for Refugees to make appeals for such aid as required.

Adopted, 69 in favor, 2 against (Hungary, Romania), with 8 abstentions (Albania, Bulgaria, Byelorussia, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Sudan, Ukraine, USSR).

4 December 1956 -- The Assembly reiterated its call upon the USSR and Hungarian authorities to comply with previous resolutions, and to permit the entry into Hungary of United Nations observers.

Adopted, as recommended by 14 states -- 1130 (XI) -- by a vote of 54 to 10 (Albania, Bulgaria, Byelorussia, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Ukraine, USSR, Yugoslavia), with 14 abstentions (Afghanistan, Burma, Ceylon, Egypt, Finland, India, (more)

Indonesia, Jordan, Morocco, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Syria, Tunisia, Yemen).

12 December 1956 -- A 20-nation resolution -- 1131 (XI) -- condemned the USSR for depriving Hungary of its liberty and independence, reiterated the Assembly's call upon the USSR to desist forthwith from intervention and called upon the USSR to withdraw its armed forces and to permit the reestablishment of political independence of Hungary.

Adopted by a vote of 55 to 8 (Albania, Bulgaria, Byelorussia, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Romania, Ukraine, USSR), with 13 abstentions (Afghanistan, Cambodia, Egypt, Finland, India, Indonesia, Jordan, Morocco, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Syria, Yemen, Yugoslavia).

10 January 1957 -- A 24-nation resolution -- 1132 (XI) -- established an ad hoc committee of five members (Australia, Ceylon, Denmark, Tunisia and Uruguay) to establish and maintain direct observation in Hungary and elsewhere and report its findings to the Assembly during its 11th session.

Adopted by a vote of 59 to 8 (Albania, Bulgaria, Byelorussia, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Romania, Ukraine, USSR), with 10 abstentions (Afghanistan, Cuba, Egypt, Finland, India, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Syria, Yugoslavia). Hungary, South Africa and Yemen were absent.

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Five months later, on 20 June 1957, the ad hoc Committee reported its findings -- Doc. A/3592 -- to the General Assembly.

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LIST OF RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY

<u>Official Resolution Number</u>	<u>Original Document Number</u>
1004 (ES-II)	A/RES/393
1005 (ES-II)	A/RES/397
1006 (ES-II)	A/RES/398
1007 (ES-II)	A/RES/399
1008 (ES-II)	A/RES/401
1127 (XI)	A/RES/407
1128 (XI)	A/RES/408
1129 (XI)	A/RES/409
1130 (XI)	A/RES/413
1131 (XI)	A/RES/424
1132 (XI)	A/RES/449

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