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PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME FOR THE COMMEMORATION OF THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE SIGNING OF THE CHARTER IN SAN FRANCISCO

20 - 26 June 1955

Monday, 20 June 1955

Afternoon

3 p.m.

Opening of Commemoration

1. Addresses by the Mayor of San Francisco,
Mr. van Kleffens and the Secretary-General

6 p.m.

2. Reception

Evening

Cultural event to be arranged

Tuesday, 21 June 1955

Morning

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Addresses by Representatives of Members

Afternoon

3 - 6 p.m.

Addresses by Representatives of Members

Wednesday, 22 June 1955

Morning

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Addresses by Representatives of Members

Afternoon

3 - 6 p.m.

Addresses by Representatives of Members

Thursday, 23 June 1955

Morning

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Addresses by Representatives of Members

Afternoon

3 - 6 p.m.

Addresses by Representatives of Members

Friday, 24 June 1955

Morning

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Addresses by Representatives of Members

Afternoon

3 - 6 p.m.

Addresses by Representatives of Members

Saturday, 25 June 1955

Free day

Sunday, 26 June 1955

Afternoon
4 p.m.

Ceremony commemorating signing of Charter

Evening
8 p.m.

Closing addresses

Note: In addition to the cultural event being planned for the day of the opening, certain other cultural events are envisaged for several of the evenings during the week.

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NOTE TO PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES

The Secretary-General of the United Nations presents his compliments to the Permanent Representative of ... to the United Nations and has the honour to refer to General Assembly resolution 889 (IX) of 17 December 1954, concerning the Commemoration of the Tenth Anniversary of the United Nations in 1955. A copy of the resolution is enclosed herewith.

The Secretary-General is addressing Permanent Representatives separately with regard to Part A of the resolution.

With regard to Part B, concerning the decision to commemorate the Tenth Anniversary of the signing of the Charter by arranging a seven-day commemoration, including four days of unofficial meetings of the Members of the United Nations, in San Francisco from 20 to 26 June 1955, the Secretary-General has held several meetings with the advisory committee referred to in paragraph three of Part B of the resolution. A number of consultations have also taken place with the authorities of the City of San Francisco, and particularly with the Mayor of San Francisco who visited Headquarters and met with the Secretary-General and the members of the advisory committee.

The Secretary-General is now in a position to communicate the following indications regarding the nature of the programme and the arrangements for the commemorative meetings in San Francisco:

(1) The commemorative meetings of Members will be held in the Opera House in the City of San Francisco, where the Charter was signed on 26 June 1945. They will be under the chairmanship of the President of the ninth session of the General Assembly, Mr. Eelco van Kleffens, and it is proposed that they follow in general outline the schedule set forth in the attached copy of the provisional programme as developed in consultation between the Secretary-General and the advisory committee.

(2) The statements of Representatives of Members would be given world-wide publicity through all the media of mass communications, including press, radio, television and films. Texts of statements would be widely published both during and after the commemoration. A suggestion is also under consideration for the publication of a special commemorative volume giving the full texts of all the speeches.

(3) The City of San Francisco, in addition to providing the site of the meetings, various technical installations, and assuming responsibility for hospitality arrangements, and for appropriate social and cultural events, has undertaken to reserve the necessary hotel accommodations for Representatives of Member States and their staffs. After consultation with the Mayor of San Francisco, it has been agreed that, in order to avoid confusion, all requests for reservations would be channelled through the United Nations Secretariat.

The Secretary-General would be grateful to receive from Permanent Representatives an indication, as soon as possible, regarding the hotel accommodation desired, for transmission to the civic authorities of San Francisco.

The Secretary-General wishes to draw attention to paragraph five, Part B, of the enclosed resolution which authorizes "the payment of the travel of one Representative of each Member State from the capital of the country or from Headquarters, as the case may be, to San Francisco and return."

The Secretary-General would be grateful if the Permanent Representative would transmit the enclosed letter to His Excellency the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

The Secretary-General would be glad to receive the comments of the Permanent Representative on the various points in this note.

SOME POINTS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE FOURTH MEETING
OF THE COMMITTEE ON PROGRAMME FOR THE COMMEMORATION
OF THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SIGNING OF THE CHARTER
CONFERENCE ROOM NO. 8, THURSDAY, 17 MARCH, AT 10:30 A.M.

1. Draft Letter to Permanent Representatives from the Secretary-General, finalizing the general pattern of the Commemorative Meetings.
2. Participation of the Specialized Agencies in the Commemorative Meetings.
3. Other Matters.

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LETTER TO FOREIGN MINISTERS

Sir,

I have the honour to draw to your personal attention the preparations which are being made to hold a series of unofficial meetings of the Members of the United Nations in San Francisco from 20 to 26 June 1955, to commemorate the Tenth Anniversary of the signing of the United Nations Charter on 26 June 1945, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 889 (IX) of 17 December 1954. I have communicated the broad outline of the proposed programme and arrangements, developed in consultation with the advisory committee established under paragraph three of the resolution, to each of the Representatives of the Members of the United Nations at Headquarters or in Washington, as the case may be.

It is my earnest hope, as well as that of all the members of the advisory committee, that you personally will find it possible to attend the commemoration and to address the meeting of Members of the United Nations.

I should be grateful for an indication of your plans at your earliest convenience.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Dag Hammarskjöld
Secretary-General