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Sahara - French Nuclear Tests

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- a.) Text of a letter from 22 nations
addressed to D.H.
- b.) D.H. transmits 22-nation request
for special Gen. Assembly session.

Delegations of Afghanistan, Burma, Ceylon, Ethiopia, Federation of Malaya, Ghana, Guinea, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Liberia, Libya, Morocco, Nepal, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Tunisia, United Arab Republic and Yemen, to the United Nations

14 March 1960

Following is the text of a letter, dated 14 March 1960, addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, from the Permanent Representatives of the above mentioned delegations:

On instructions from our respective Governments, we have the honour to request you, in accordance with Article 20 of the Charter and with Rule 9 (a) of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly, **to summon a special session of the General Assembly, for the purpose of considering the French nuclear tests in the Sahara.**

In making this request, we draw your attention to Resolution 1379 (XIV) of the General Assembly and to the letter of 2 February 1960, concerning the question, addressed to you by the representatives of twenty-five Asian-African States, in which they expressed the deep concern of their Governments over the then impending French nuclear tests in the Sahara and requested you to communicate that letter to the Government of France in the hope that it would refrain from such tests. Since that letter was circulated a French nuclear test has taken place in the Sahara, and there are now indications that further tests will be conducted in the near future.

In the light of these recent developments, it is our view that a Special Session of the General Assembly should consider the question of French nuclear tests.

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SECRETARY-GENERAL TRANSMITS 22-NATION REQUEST FOR
SPECIAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION

UN Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld today sent the following telegram to the permanent missions of all United Nations member states:

Kindly bring following attention your government.

Have honor notify you that by letter dated 14 March 1960 representatives of Afghanistan, Burma, Ceylon, Ethiopia, Federation of Malaya, Ghana, Guinea, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Liberia, Libya, Morocco, Nepal, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Tunisia, United Arab Republic and Yemen have requested under Article 20 Charter and rule 9 (a) Assembly's rules procedure that special session Assembly be summoned to give consideration to question French nuclear tests in Sahara.

Text of letter follows quote:

On instructions from our respective governments, we have the honor to request you, in accordance with Article 20 of the Charter and with Rule 9 (a) of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly, to summon a special session of the General Assembly, for the purpose of considering the French nuclear tests in the Sahara.

In making this request, we draw your attention to Resolution 1379 (XIV) of the General Assembly and to the letter of 2 February 1960, concerning the question, addressed to you by the representatives of 25 Asian-African states, in which they expressed the deep concern of their governments over the then impending French nuclear tests in the Sahara and requested you to communicate that letter to the Government of France in the hope that it would refrain from such tests. Since that letter was circulated a French nuclear test has taken place in the Sahara, and there are now indications that further tests will be conducted in the near future.

In the light of these recent developments, it is our view that a Special Session of the General Assembly should consider the question of French nuclear tests.

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Accordance rule 9 (a) Assembly's rules procedure have honor inquire whether your government concurs in above request for convening special session. If within 30 days of date this communication a majority of members concur in request a special session will be summoned in accordance rule 8 rules procedure.

Dag Hammarskjöld
Secretary-General

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