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PREPARATORY WORK WITH REGARD TO THE POSSIBLE HOLDING
OF A GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE UNITED
NATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 109 OF THE CHARTER

Letter dated 16 August 1953 from the Permanent Representative
of the Netherlands to the United Nations, addressed to the
Secretary-General

New York, 16 August 1953

I have the honour, upon instructions received from my Government, to propose the inclusion of the following item in the provisional agenda of the eighth session of the General Assembly in accordance with rule 14 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly:

"PREPARATORY WORK WITH REGARD TO THE POSSIBLE HOLDING
OF A GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE UNITED
NATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 109 OF THE CHARTER"

An explanatory memorandum as required under rule 20 is attached.

(Signed) D. J. von BALLUSECK

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Explanatory memorandum

1. In proposing the inclusion in the agenda of the eighth session of the General Assembly of this item the Netherlands Government has in mind the provisions of Article 109 of the Charter of the United Nations.
2. Under paragraph 3 of Article 109 a proposal to call a General Conference of the Members of the United Nations for the purpose of reviewing the present Charter shall be placed on the agenda of the tenth annual session of the General Assembly, if such a conference has not been held before that session.
3. In the view of the Netherlands Government the examination by the tenth annual session of the question of a General Conference could be facilitated by preparatory work to be undertaken by the Secretary-General and by individual Member States.
4. This preparatory work could in the first place consist of a compilation or repertory of the jurisprudence of the United Nations. The preparation and publication of such documentation should be entrusted to the Secretary-General. For this purpose funds should be made available if necessary.
5. The Netherlands Government believes that the study envisaged in paragraph (3) (d) of the explanatory memorandum to the new item proposed by the Government of Argentina (A/2415) could at the same time cover the preparatory work mentioned in paragraph 4 of the Netherlands memorandum if it were undertaken with due regard to Article 109 of the Charter.
6. Furthermore the new item proposed by the Netherlands Government envisages the possibility of an invitation to Member States to give their preliminary views with regard to the possible revision of the Charter and to submit tentative proposals and suggestions.
7. The item submitted by the Netherlands Government could therefore lead to:
 - (a) The preparation by the Secretary-General of the study envisaged in paragraph (3) of the explanatory memorandum to the item proposed by the Government of Argentina (A/2415) with due regard to Article 109 of the Charter;

(b) An invitation to Member States to submit prior to the tenth annual session their preliminary views with regard to the possible revision of the Charter and tentative proposals and suggestions.

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