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8 November 1949

LEGAL DEPARTMENT

Denmark today signed without reservation the Agreement on Most Favoured Nation Treatment for Areas of Western Germany under Military Occupation and the Memorandum of Understanding relative to Application to the Western Sectors of Berlin of that Agreement.

A. H. Feller  
General Counsel and Director.

2 Nov. 1949

LEGAL DEPARTMENT

On 31 October Finland deposited the instruments of acceptance of :

(1) The Protocol signed at Lake Success on 4 May 1949, amending the International Agreement for the Suppression of the White Slave Traffic, signed at Paris on 18 May 1904, and the International Convention for the Suppression of the White Slave Traffic, signed at Paris on 4 May 1910;

(2) The Protocol signed at Lake Success on 4 May 1949, amending the Agreement for the Suppression of the Circulation of Obscene Publications, signed at Paris on 4 May 1910;

(3) The Protocol signed at Paris on 19 November 1948, bringing under international control drugs outside the scope of the Convention of 13 July 1931.

1 November 1949

LEGAL DEPARTMENT

1. At Lake Success today Burma signed the Annecy Protocol of Terms of Accession.

A.H. Beller,  
General Counsel and Director

31 October 1949.

LEGAL DEPARTMENT

1. UNRRA CLAIMS

The total amount of settlements of Marine claims for the month of October 1949 is \$10,751.47

A.H. Feller  
General Counsel and Director.

27 October 1949

LEGAL DEPARTMENT

On 26 October 1949 Costa Rica deposited its instrument of accession to the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations.

A. H. Feller  
General Counsel and Director.

21 October 1949

LEGAL DEPARTMENT

1. On 19 October 1949 Denmark deposited the instrument of ratification of the Protocol bringing under international control drugs outside the scope of the Convention of 13 July 1931 for limiting the manufacture and regulating the distribution of narcotic drugs, as amended by the Protocol signed at Lake Success on 11 December 1946. The application of the Protocol shall also extend to Greenland.
2. On 19 October India notified the Secretary-General that they undertook to apply the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies to three additional Agencies: the International Monetary Fund, the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and the Universal Postal Union.

A. H. Feller  
General Counsel and Director.



24 October 1949



LEGAL DEPARTMENT

Certified copies of the applications in the Franco-Egyptian case concerning the protection of French nationals, and the Colombian-Peruvian case concerning the right of asylum have been received from the International Court of Justice, for notification to Member States under Article 40, paragraph 3, of the Statute of the Court.

A. H. Feller  
General Counsel and Director.

25 October 1949

LEGAL DEPARTMENT

The United Kingdom today signed on behalf of Southern Rhodesia the Annex Protocol of Terms of Accession.

A. H. Feller  
General Counsel and Director.

*D. Kerns*  
17 October 1945

LEGAL DEPARTMENT

The Registrar of the International Court of Justice has informed the Secretary-General that the Court received on 15 October an application from the Colombian Government against the Peruvian Government in the Colombian-Peruvian case concerning the right of asylum.

A. H. Feller  
Legal Department.

DAILY REPORT TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

14 October 1949.

LEGAL DEPARTMENT

On 13 October 1949 Luxembourg deposited the instrument of acceptance of the Protocol signed on 11 December 1946, amending the Agreements, Conventions and Protocols on Narcotic Drugs.

A. H. Feller  
General Counsel & Director.

12 October 1949

LEGAL DEPARTMENT

1. On 12 October 1949 Pakistan signed the Annecy Protocol of Accession to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade in respect of all acceding Governments.

A.H. Feller,  
General Counsel and Director.

10 October 1949

LEGAL DEPARTMENT

The following Protocols have been signed today:

1. Annecy Protocol of Terms of Accession by Australia, Canada, France, Lebanon, Netherlands, United Kingdom, United States, in respect of all acceding Governments;
2. Protocols 8 and 9 and Third Protocol of Rectification by Netherlands, United States and Haiti;
3. First Protocol of Modification by Lebanon, Netherlands, United States, United Kingdom, Haiti;
4. Memorandum of Understanding on Berlin by Netherlands.

Mr. A.H. Feller,  
General Counsel and Director.

Dr. Keruo  
6 October 19

LEGAL DEPARTMENT

An opinion has been furnished today to the Department of Public Information on the procedure to be followed to obtain copyright protection of United Nations films on a worldwide basis. This opinion indicates that international copyright law is regulated in the main by the system of law established under the Berne Convention and under a United States - Latin American Convention. The opinion outlines the formalities to be observed for the United Nations to obtain copyright protection under these systems of law.

A. H. Feller  
General Counsel and Director

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LEGAL DEPARTMENT

1. On 5 October 1949 the Dominican Republic signed the Memorandum of Understanding relative to application to the Western sectors of Berlin of the Agreement on most favoured nation treatment for Areas of Western Germany under military occupation.

2. Dr. Hanna Saba, Director of the Division of Immunities and Registration of Treaties, has returned to Headquarters after completing a mission with UNESCO in Paris.

A. H. Feller  
General Counsel and Director.



30 September 1949

LEGAL DEPARTMENT

1. The U.K. Government filed a suit with the International Court of Justice against the Norwegian Government regarding the question of Anglo-Norwegian fisheries.
2. The total amount of UNRRA Marine Claims settled during the month of September 1949 is \$26,934.00

A.H. Feller,  
General Counsel and Director

28 September 1949

LEGAL DEPARTMENT

1. On 27 September 1949 Denmark deposited the instrument of acceptance of the Protocol, signed at Paris on 9 December 1948, amending the International Convention relating to economic statistics.
2. On 23 September 1949 Switzerland deposited the instruments of acceptance of the Protocol amending the International Agreement for the Suppression of the white slave traffic, signed at Paris on 18 May 1904, the International Convention for the suppression of the white slave traffic, signed at Paris on 4 May 1910, and the Protocol amending the Agreement for the suppression of the circulation of obscene publications.
3. On 28 September 1949 Denmark signed the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide.

A.H.Feller,  
General Counsel and Director.

*D. Kerns*  
21 September 1949

LEGAL DEPARTMENT

1. On 19 September Mexico deposited the instrument of ratification to the Protocol to amend the International Convention for the Suppression of the Circulation of and Traffic in Obscene Publications, opened for signature at Geneva on 12 September 1923.
2. On 21 September Israel deposited the instrument of accession to the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations.

LEGAL DEPARTMENT

1. A study on the question of the establishment of an Agenda Committee of the General Assembly, which was requested by the Special Committee on Methods and Procedures, has been prepared in the Legal Department and transmitted to the Executive Office of the Secretary-General.
2. A draft agreement between the United Nations and the World Health Organization, to bring WHO within the UN Pension Scheme as a member organization, has been drafted by the Legal Department in consultation with the Secretary of the UN Pension Board.
3. On 15 September Iraq deposited the instrument of accession to the Convention on Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations.
4. On 16 September Egypt deposited instruments of ratification of the following:
  - a) Protocol, signed at Paris on 19 November 1948, bringing under international control drugs outside the scope of the Convention of 13 July 1931, for limiting the manufacture and regulating the distribution of narcotic drugs, as amended by the Protocol signed at Lake Success on 11 December 1946;
  - b) Protocols transferring to the United Nations the functions exercised by the French Government under the International Agreement of 18 May 1904 and the International Convention of 4 May 1910 for the Suppression of the White Slave Traffic, and the Agreement of 4 May 1910 for the Suppression of the Circulation of Obscene Publications.

15 September 1949

LEGAL DEPARTMENT

Brazil signed today the Agreement for facilitating the international circulation of visual and auditory materials of an educational, scientific and cultural character and the related Protocol.

A.H. Feller,  
General Counsel and Director.

LEGAL DEPARTMENT

1. The USA today signed the Agreement for facilitating the international circulation of visual and auditory materials of an educational, scientific and cultural character.
2. On 9 September Pakistan deposited the instrument of acceptance of the Special Protocol relating to Article XXIV of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, signed at Havana on 24 March 1948.

A. H. Feller  
General Counsel and Director.

7 September 1949

LEGAL DEPARTMENT

The Dominican Republic today signed, without reservation, the Agreement on Most-Favoured-Nation Treatment for Areas of Western Germany Under Military Occupation.

ASSISTANT      Ivan Kerno  
Secretary-General.

1 September 1949

LEGAL DEPARTMENT

On 29 August 1949 Iceland deposited the instrument of ratification of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide.

Dr. Ivan Kerno



31 August 1949

LEGAL DEPARTMENT

UNRRA CLAIMS:

1. The total amount of settlements of Marine Claims for the month of August is \$21,651.25.

Dr. Ivan Kerno

29 August 1

LEGAL DEPARTMENT

1. Dr. Ivan Kerno has returned from leave today.

LEGAL DEPARTMENT

Guatemala today deposited the following instruments of ratification:

- 1) Constitution of WHO, signed at New York on 22 July 1946.
- 2) Arrangement concluded by the Governments represented at the International Health Conference, New York 1946.
- 3) Protocol concerning the Office international d'Hygiene publique, signed at New York on 22 July 1946.
- 4) Protocol to amend the Convention for the Suppression of the Circulation of and Traffic in Obscene Publications concluded at Geneva on 12 September 1923, signed at New York on 12 November 1947.

Y. L. Liang  
Director.

LEGAL DEPARTMENT

1. Mr. A. H. Feller, General Counsel and Director, will be on annual leave from 26 - 31 August. During his absence *Dr. Liang*  
~~Mr. Constantin Stavropoulos~~ will be in charge of the Department.

A. H. Feller  
General Counsel and Director.

19 August 1949

LEGAL DEPARTMENT

1. On 17 August 1949 the Korean Republic deposited the instrument of acceptance of the W.H.O. Constitution.

C. Stavropoulos

18 August 1949

LEGAL DEPARTMENT

On 17 August 1949, United Kingdom transmitted the instrument of accession to the Convention on Privileges and Immunities of the Sepcialized Agencies with respect to I.L.O., F.A.O., I.C.A.O., U.N.E.S.C.O., W.H.O., and I.R.O.

C.A. Stavropoulos

17 August 1949

LEGAL DEPARTMENT

1. At Lake Success today Israel signed the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide.

A.H. Feller,  
General Counsel and Director.

12 August 1949

LEGAL DEPARTMENT

GENOCIDE

The Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the  
Crime of Genocide was signed today by Colombia.

A. H. Feller  
General Counsel and Director.



LEGAL DEPARTMENT1. SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON METHODS AND PROCEDURES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The Special Committee on Methods and Procedures of the General Assembly held its final meeting on 9 August. It decided to transmit to the General Assembly, without a recommendation, the various proposals relating to the establishment of an agenda committee and requested the Secretary-General to prepare a study on this subject. The Special Committee then approved final re-drafts of certain parts of the report and decided to include in the report the minority views of the representative of the Soviet Union. It was agreed that the Chairman would issue a brief statement to the press, pending distribution of the report to the Members of the United Nations.

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A. H. Feller  
General Counsel and Director.

LEGAL DEPARTMENTSPECIAL COMMITTEE ON METHODS AND PROCEDURES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

At its 22nd meeting, the Special Committee approved the recommendations contained in the Rapporteur's preliminary report concerning explanations of votes, points of order and the powers of chairmen. It decided to bring to the attention of the General Assembly for further study, the problem of motions on competence and of voting by a majority of two-thirds. It then approved a new rule of procedure in accordance with which one minute at the opening and the closing meeting of each session of the Assembly would be devoted to meditation or prayer.

A. H. Feller  
General Counsel and Director.

LEGAL DEPARTMENT

Headquarters Site

As the result of a notification from the U.S. Representative to the United Nations, the arrangement regarding the granting of temporary authority to the police officers and other municipal authorities of New York City to enter the Headquarters District for the purpose of making inspections prescribed by law and for other law enforcement purposes, came into effect on August 8.

A. H. Feller  
General Counsel and Director.

LEGAL DEPARTMENT

1. Special Committee on Methods and Procedures of General Assembly

At its 21st meeting the Special Committee continued consideration of the Rapporteur's preliminary report and approved the recommendations relating to the procedure for explanations of votes, points of order and the powers of chairmen.

2. Signing of Protocol

On 5 August 1949 the Dominican Republic signed the Convention, and the Protocol, to Facilitate the International Circulation of Visual and Auditory Materials of Educational, Scientific and Cultural Character,

A.H.Feller  
General Counsel and Director.

LEGAL DEPARTMENT

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Special Committee on Methods & Procedures  
of the General Assembly

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At its 18th, 19th and 20th meetings held on 2 and 3 August, the Special Committee continued the examination of the Rapporteur's report and approved recommendations relating to the functions of the General Committee with respect to the agenda, the inclusion of additional items on the agenda by a two-thirds majority, reference of items without debate to other organs, the consideration of international conventions by conference of plenipotentiaries and the requirement for explanatory memoranda to accompany requests for inclusion on the agenda. It dealt then with recommendations relating to the organization of the session and with those relating to the conduct of debates in plenary meetings and in committees.

A.H. Feller,  
General Counsel and Director.

LEGAL DEPARTMENT  
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1. A bill to exempt U.N.American employees from the United States income tax was introduced into Congress on Friday, July 29. It was accompanied by a letter urging passage signed by the Secretary of State.

2. Special Committee on Methods & Procedures of the General Assembly.  
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During its seventeenth meeting, held on 2 August, the Special Committee elected Mr.Grafström /Sweden/ as Chairman to replace Mr.N.Entezam, who left for Iran on a short visit, and began consideration of the Rapporteur's preliminary report / document A.AC.30/W.11 /. The introductory part of the Report was approved. The recommendation that the General Assembly, shall, at the beginning of each session, fix a target date for the closing of the session was confirmed by 11 votes to 1 :U.S.S.R./

A.H.Feller,  
General Counsel and Director.

29 July 1949

LEGAL DEPARTMENT

UNRRA claims settled for the period from July 5th to July 29th  
amounted to a total of \$ 28,677.82.

A.H. Feller,  
General Counsel and Director.

LEGAL DEPARTMENT

On 26 July the Government of Albania deposited the instruments of acceptance of:

- a/ Protocol signed at Lake Success, New York, on 12 November 1947, to amend the Convention for the Suppression of the Traffic in Women and Children, concluded at Geneva on 30 September 1921, and the Convention for the Suppression of the Traffic in Women of Full Age, concluded at Geneva on 11 October 1933;
- b/ Protocol, signed at Lake Success, New York, on 12 November 1947, to amend the Convention for the Suppression of the Circulation of and Traffic in Obscene Publications, concluded at Geneva on 12 September 1923; and
- c/ Protocol, signed at Paris on 19 November 1948, bringing under international control drugs outside the scope of the Convention of 13 July 1931, for limiting the manufacture and regulating the distribution of narcotic drugs, as amended by the Protocol signed at Lake Success on 11 December 1946.



*D. Keruo*  
26 July 19

LEGAL DEPARTMENT

1. Further instructions have been sent to Mr. Delaney, UN representative at the ITU Conference in Paris, with regard to the position he is to take at plenary meetings of the Conference on the question of U.N. priorities in the new telegraph and telephone regulations.

A.H. Feller,  
General Counsel and Director.

*M. Kerns*  
22 July 1949

LEGAL DEPARTMENT

1. Today, at Lake Success, Norway deposited an instrument of ratification of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide.

Dr. Yuen-Li Liang,  
Director.

LEGAL DEPARTMENT

1. Dr. Kerns left today for New Hampshire on Annual Leave. In his and Mr. Feller's absence Dr. Yuen-li Liang will be in charge of the Legal Department.
2. Today at Lake Success, China signed the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide.

Dr. Yuen-li Liang,  
Director.

Dr. Kerns

19 July 1949

LEGAL DEPARTMENT

1. Mr. Feller left today to fulfil a number of speaking engagements at Mount Holyoke College and Colgate University. He will return on Sunday 24 July.

Dr. Ivan Kerns

15 July 19

LEGAL DEPARTMENT

1. The Legal Department today filed a brief on behalf of the United Nations in support of the I.R.O. in a case in the federal district court in New York (I.R.O. v. Bank of America) involving the question as to whether international organizations have the right to bring suit in U.S. federal courts.

A.H. Feller,  
General Counsel and Director.

14 July 1949

LEGAL DEPARTMENT

On 14 July 1949 Ceylon signed, without reservation as to acceptance, the Protocol amending the International Agreement for the suppression of the white slave traffic, signed at Paris, on 18 May 1904, and the International Convention for the suppression of the white slave traffic, signed at Paris, on 4 May 1910, and the Protocol amending the Agreement for the Suppression of the Circulation of Obscene Publications, signed at Paris, on 4 May 1910.

A.H.Feller,  
General Counsel and Director

12 July 1949

LEGAL DEPARTMENT

1. Special Committee on Methods and Procedures of the General Assembly:

Suggestions, on methods and procedures which would enable the General Assembly and its Committees to discharge their duties more effectively and expeditiously, have been transmitted to the Secretary-General by the Government of Pakistan.

2. On 12 July, at Lake Success, Iraq signed, subject to acceptance, the Protocol signed at Paris on 19 November 1948 bringing under international control drugs outside the scope of the Convention of 13 July 1937, for limiting the manufacture and distribution of narcotic drugs, as amended by the Protocol signed at Lake Success on 11 December 1946.

A.H. Feller,  
General Counsel and Director.

11 July 1949

LEGAL DEPARTMENT

1. On 8 July 1949, at Lake Success, Australia deposited an instrument of ratification of the Convention on the prevention and punishment of the crime of genocide.

A.H. Feller,  
General Counsel and Director.



7 June 1949

LEGAL DEPARTMENT

Mr. A.H. Feller left for Chautauqua today to give a lecture on "United Nations - Problems and Achievements." He will return tomorrow 8 June 1949.

1 July 1949

LEGAL DEPARTMENT

UNRRA claims settled during the month of June amounted to a total of \$12,144.05.

A. H. Feller  
General Counsel and Director.

LEGAL DEPARTMENT1. Special Committee on Methods and Procedures of the General Assembly

At its fourteenth meeting the Special Committee heard a statement by Mr. Cordier on the Secretary-General's proposal for the introduction of a minute of silent meditation and prayer at meetings of the General Assembly. After an exchange of views, it was decided to postpone consideration of this matter until a later date.

The Special Committee then examined further proposals concerning methods for dealing with certain political items in plenary meetings, suggestions for defining with greater precision the powers of chairmen for shortening debate, and a Canadian proposal to establish a Nominations Committee to nominate Committee officers, to meet three days before each session.

A. H. Feller  
Director.

LEGAL DEPARTMENT

1. At its thirteenth meeting, on 24 June 1949, the Special Committee on Methods and Procedures of the General Assembly examined various suggestions for defining a point of order, and proposals for strengthening the powers of chairmen of Committees. The Committee will meet on 28 June, when it is expected that tentative decisions will be reached on outstanding proposals. Examination of a preliminary report of the Rapporteur will begin during the week starting 5 July.
2. As from Monday, 27 June 1949, and during the absence of Dr. Saba, Mr. C. Stavropoulos will be in charge of the Division of Privileges and Immunities and Registration of Treaties.

A. H. Feller  
General Counsel and Director.

24 June 1949

LEGAL DEPARTMENT

1. UNRRA Marine Claims:

The total amount of UNRRA claims settled during the week ending  
24 June 1949 is \$ 4,105.44

LEGAL DEPARTMENT1. Special Committee on Methods and Procedures of the General Assembly:

At its eleventh meeting the Committee discussed rule 59 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly relating to the discussion of a report of a Main Committee ~~introduced~~ in the plenary meeting. Proposals on this subject were made by the delegations of the United Kingdom and Greece. At its twelfth meeting the Committee decided to recommend to the G.A. that it make use of rule 59 of the rules of procedure. It decided to amend this rule to the effect that debate on the report of a Main Committee shall not take place unless one third of the Members do request. Such motions will be decided upon without debate. It was also agreed that if a decision based on rule 59 is taken, amendments which have already been rejected in the Main Committee could be reintroduced and put to the vote without discussion.

2. At Lake Success today, Guatemala signed the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide.
3. Mr. A.H. Feller left for Washington to address the U.N. League of Lawyers. He will return to New York on Friday.

Dr. I. Kernö  
Assistant Secretary-General

LEGAL DEPARTMENT

1. On 20 June 1949 Chile signed without reservation, the Protocol transferring to the United Nations the functions exercised by the French Government under the International Agreement of 18 May 1904 and the International Convention of 4 May 1910 for the Suppression of the White Slave Traffic.

2. On 20 June 1949 Lebanon deposited an instrument by which it notified its intention to accede to the International Convention for the Suppression of the White Slave Traffic signed at Paris on 4 May 1910, and an instrument by which it notified its intention to adhere to the International Agreement for the Suppression of the White Slave Traffic signed at Paris on 18 May 1904.

A.H. Feller,  
General Counsel and Director.

LEGAL DEPARTMENT

1. On 17 June 1949, Denmark deposited an instrument of ratification and became party to the Protocol of 11 December 1946 regarding the transfer to the U.N. of powers exercised by the League of Nations under the international agreements, conventions and protocols on narcotic drugs.

2. At its 9th and 10th meetings the Special Committee on Methods and Procedures of the General Assembly decided to request the Secretariat to prepare a study on the advantages of technical devices which could be used by the G.A. with respect to voting, calling members to meetings and the economy of time which would result from their use, as well as the cost involved. This study would be circulated to members of the Special Committee and will be discussed only if a member so requests. The study will then be communicated to the General Assembly.

The Committee decided to draw the attention of the General Assembly to its rights to limit the length of speeches and examined the possibility of limiting the time granted to speakers to explain their votes or to propose procedural motions.



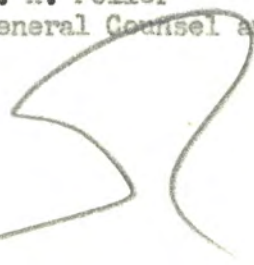
LEGAL DEPARTMENT

Venezuela today signed, ad referendum, the Protocol of 1947 amending the Convention of 12 September 1923 for the suppression of the circulation of and traffic in obscene publications.

A. H. Feller  
General Counsel and Director.

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A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'A. H. Feller', written over the typed name.

LEGAL DEPARTMENT

1. Italy today signed, subject to ratification, the Protocol transferring to the United Nations the functions and powers exercised by the League of Nations under the Convention of 12 September 1923 on Traffic in Obscene Publications.

2. At the meeting of the Committee of Experts of the Security Council the representative of the Legal Department delivered an opinion, at the request of the Committee, to the effect that Liechtenstein possessed the qualifications of a state. The Committee then proceeded to adopt a recommendation to the Security Council that Liechtenstein be permitted to become a party to the Statute of the International Court of Justice. The vote was 9 - 0, with two abstentions.

A. H. Feller  
General Counsel and Director.

14 June 1949

LEGAL DEPARTMENT

1. During the absence of Dr. Saba, Dr. Marc Schreiber will be in charge of the Division of Privileges and Immunities and Registration of Treaties.

A. H. Feller  
General Counsel and Director.

LEGAL DEPARTMENT

At its meetings on 10 and 13 June the Special Committee on Methods and Procedures of the General Assembly considered proposals relating to the manner in which the General Assembly should deal with international conventions. On the question of items submitted for inclusion on the Assembly's agenda, the Special Committee agreed that requests for inclusion of items should be accompanied by explanatory memoranda, and if appropriate by draft resolutions and other basic documents. The Committee also decided to recommend to the Assembly that meetings begin on time, and tentatively agreed that a quorum of one-third of the members would be sufficient for debates, a majority quorum being required for voting.

A. H. Feller  
General Counsel and Director.