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Report of the Secretary-General

Part III: Administrative and statutory matters

(g) Report of the Working Group on the review of the amendment procedure of the Statutes and amendment to Article 33 of the Statutes

Agenda item 10(III)(g)
(document A/22/10(III)(g))

The General Assembly,

Having examined the report of the Working Group on the review of the amendment procedure of the Statutes:

1. *Takes note of the report of the Working Group and thanks the Members for their work and support to the constitutional development of the Organization;*

2. *Adopts the amendment to Article 33 of the Statutes whose text reads as follows:*

"1. Any suggested amendment to the present Statutes and its Annex shall be transmitted to the Secretary-General who shall circulate it to the Full Members at least six months before being submitted to the consideration of the Assembly.

2. An amendment shall be voted by the Assembly and adopted by a two-thirds majority of Full Members present and voting.

3. An amendment shall come into force for all Members one year after it has been adopted by the Assembly, unless the resolution by which it is adopted provides that the procedure established in paragraph 4 shall be applicable.

4. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 3, any amendment to Articles 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 14, 23, 25, 28, 33 or 35 of the Statutes, or to the Financing Rules, or any amendment involving fundamental alterations in the aims or the structure of the Organization or to the rights and obligations for the member States -so determined by the General Assembly- shall come into force for all Members forthwith when two-thirds of the member States have notified the Depositary Government of their approval of such amendment. The General

Assembly may also establish a deadline for member States to notify the approval of such amendment.

5. *Amendment to Article 14 of the Statutes (adopted by the General Assembly through resolution 134 (V)), amendment to Article 15 of the Statutes (adopted by the General Assembly through resolution 208 (VII)), amendment to Article 22 of the Statutes (adopted by the General Assembly through resolution 512 (XVI)), amendment to Article 37 of the Statutes (adopted by the General Assembly through resolution 93 (IV)), amendment to Paragraph 4 of the Financing Rules (adopted by the General Assembly through resolution 422 (XIV)) and amendment to Paragraph 12 of the Financing Rules (adopted by the General Assembly through resolution 61 (III)) shall enter into force upon entry into force of the present amendment to Article 33" ;*
3. *Reminds Member States of the importance of this amendment to the Statutes that will provide the Organization with the necessary flexibility to undertake significant reforms as appropriate and adapt in a timely manner to the will of its Members;*
4. *Calls upon Member States to initiate immediately the internal procedures necessary to notify the Depository of the Statutes of the approval of the amendment to Article 33 of the Statutes for its entry into force in a timely manner;*
5. *Recalls that the entry into force of this amendment will occur when two-thirds of the Full Members have notified their approval of the amendment to the Depository;*
6. *Further recalls that the entry into force of the amendments contained in paragraph 5 of the amendment to Article 33 has no implications for the Organization and its Members, as explained in the document A/22/10(III)(g); and*
7. *Encourages the Working Group to further continue its analysis of the actual relevance of other pending amendments to the Statutes and its Financing Rules and to submit its recommendations to the Executive Council for endorsement and subsequently to the 23rd session of the General Assembly for approval.*

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