



Fourteenth session

PROVISIONAL AGENDA OF THE FOURTEENTH REGULAR SESSION
OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY: ITEM PROPOSED BY INDIA

QUESTION OF THE REPRESENTATION OF CHINA IN
THE UNITED NATIONS

Letter dated 13 July 1959 from the Permanent Representative of India
to the United Nations, addressed to the Secretary-General

In accordance with the instructions of the Government of India and pursuant to rule 13 (e) of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, I have the honour to propose the following item for inclusion in the agenda of the fourteenth regular session of the General Assembly:

"Question of the representation of China
in the United Nations".

An explanatory memorandum in terms of rule 20 of the rules of procedure is attached.

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Today the United Nations has secured the participation of the effective Governments of most of the world. It is self-evident that the United Nations can achieve its purpose only if it includes those Governments which are able and willing to fulfil the obligations contained in Articles 2 and 4 of its Charter. It is necessary to consider the question of the representation of China in the United Nations not only from the point of view of the legitimate rights of the Chinese people and their Government, but also from the point of view of the effectiveness of the organization itself. There is no doubt that only the People's Government of China is in a position to comply with those decisions and recommendations of the United Nations which affect the Chinese specifically or which are addressed to all Member States.

The Government of India have, therefore, for the last few years sought proper representation of China in the United Nations. If a country like China with a vast territory and population is not properly represented in the United Nations, the work and worth of this most important organization is certain to be ineffective in many important fields where international co-operation and endeavour are vital. No major measures of peace and security can successfully be undertaken without proper consultation with and co-operation of China, and in the view of the Government of India all possible efforts must be made to secure the proper representation of China in the United Nations. It was because of the importance of China in the activities of the United Nations that she was made a permanent member of the Security Council and it is unfortunate from every point of view that the United Nations has not yet been able to have the benefit of her participation through her true representatives. The Government of India hopes that the forthcoming session of the General Assembly will remove this shortcoming and agree to China being properly represented in the United Nations by the representatives of the People's Government of China. Accordingly, the Government of India have proposed that an item entitled "Question of the representation of China in the United Nations" be included in the agenda of the fourteenth session of the General Assembly.
