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AGENDA OF THE FIFTEENTH REGULAR SESSION: ITEM PROPOSED
BY THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS

REPRESENTATION OF CHINA IN THE UNITED NATIONS

Cable dated 5 September 1960 from the Minister for Foreign
Affairs of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, addressed
to the Secretary-General

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On behalf of the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, I request the inclusion, in the agenda of the General Assembly's fifteenth regular session, of the question "representation of China in the United Nations". In accordance with rule 20 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, I attach an explanatory memorandum.

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Explanatory Memorandum

According to the Charter of the United Nations, the basic purposes of the Organization are the maintenance of international peace and security and the development of friendly relations among all nations based on respect for the principle of equal rights and self-determination of peoples. Unfortunately, over a very long period of time this principle of the United Nations Charter has been violated. The State with the largest population in the world - the People's Republic of China - has been deprived of the possibility of taking part in the work of the United Nations and China's place in the United Nations has been occupied by the Chiang Kai-shek clique, which has been rejected by the people of China and is sheltering under the protection of American bayonets on the United States-occupied island of Taiwan - an inalienable part of the People's Republic of China. This occurs because the Governments of certain States Members of the United Nations, and particularly the Government of the United States of America, take a negative attitude towards the State system established by the people of China and, disregarding the provisions of the United Nations Charter, ratified by their legislative bodies, are employing every means to prevent the representatives of China from participating in the work of the United Nations. This policy of the States which are preventing the People's Republic of China from taking part in United Nations activities shows that these countries do not desire the effective development of international co-operation and wish to use the United Nations for narrow aims having nothing in common with the United Nations Charter. During the eleven years of its existence, the People's Republic of China, whose population constitutes a quarter of that of the world, has achieved outstanding successes in the political, economic and social fields. The People's Republic of China is consistently pursuing a peaceful foreign policy and is playing, every year, a greater role in international affairs. China is a founder Member of the United Nations and a permanent member of the Security Council, which bears primary responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security. The restoration of the legitimate rights of the People's Republic of China in the United Nations would vastly enhance the prestige and authority of the Organization, would be a major contribution to the general improvement of the international situation and would make it easier for the United Nations to accomplish the tasks

conferred upon it by the Charter. The withholding from the People's Republic of China of the possibility of participating in the activities of the United Nations is a source of enormous damage to the Organization itself and considerably restricts its opportunities for developing international co-operation. Further postponement of a positive solution to the question of the representation of the People's Republic of China only complicates the situation and injures the United Nations. For these reasons it is essential that the General Assembly should, at its present session, examine the question of the representation of China and adopt a decision whereby the Government of the People's Republic of China shall be invited to take part in the activities of the United Nations, and the Chiang-Kai-shek representatives, who are unlawfully occupying China's place in the United Nations, shall be removed from all United Nations bodies.
