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No. 8132. AMENDMENTS¹ TO ARTICLES 23, 27 AND 61 OF THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS, ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS IN RESOLUTIONS 1991 A AND B (XVIII) OF 17 DECEMBER 1963:²

PROTOCOL OF ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE ABOVE-MENTIONED AMENDMENTS. DONE AT THE HEAD-QUARTERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS, NEW YORK, ON 31 AUGUST 1965

WHEREAS Article 108 of the Charter of the United Nations provides as follows :

“ Article 108

“ Amendments to the present Charter shall come into force for all Members of the United Nations when they have been adopted by a vote of two thirds of the members of the General Assembly and ratified in accordance with their respective constitutional processes by two thirds of the Members of the United Nations, including all the permanent members of the Security Council. ”,

WHEREAS the General Assembly of the United Nations adopted on 17 December 1963, in accordance with the said Article 108, the amendments to Articles 23, 27 and 61 of the Charter of the United Nations as set forth in resolutions 1991 A and B (XVIII),²

WHEREAS the requirements of the said Article 108 with respect to the ratification of the above-mentioned amendments were fulfilled by 31 August 1965, as shown in the Annex to this Protocol, and the said amendments entered into force on that day for all Members of the United Nations,

¹ In accordance with Article 108 of the Charter of the United Nations, the Amendments came into force on 31 August 1965, the date on which two thirds of the Member States of the United Nations, including the five permanent members of the Security Council, had deposited their instruments of ratification. For the list of Member States having deposited instruments of ratification as of 31 August 1965, see p. 150 of this volume. Subsequently, instruments of ratification were deposited on behalf of the following States :

Cyprus	1 September 1965	Luxembourg	22 October 1965
Venezuela	1 September 1965	Dominican Republic	4 November 1965
Dahomey	17 September 1965	Bolivia	19 January 1966
Lebanon	27 September 1965	Cambodia	20 January 1966
Somalia	6 October 1965		

² United Nations, *Official Records of the General Assembly, Eighteenth Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/5515)*, p. 21.

AND WHEREAS the text of Articles 23, 27 and 61 of the Charter of the United Nations as amended reads as follows :

“ Article 23

“ 1. The Security Council shall consist of fifteen Members of the United Nations. The Republic of China, France, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the United States of America shall be permanent members of the Security Council. The General Assembly shall elect ten other Members of the United Nations to be non-permanent members of the Security Council, due regard being specially paid, in the first instance to the contribution of Members of the United Nations to the maintenance of international peace and security and to the other purposes of the Organization, and also to equitable geographical distribution.

“ 2. The non-permanent members of the Security Council shall be elected for a term of two years. In the first election of the non-permanent members after the increase of the membership of the Security Council from eleven to fifteen, two of the four additional members shall be chosen for a term of one year. A retiring member shall not be eligible for immediate re-election.

“ 3. Each member of the Security Council shall have one representative. ”,

“ Article 27

“ 1. Each member of the Security Council shall have one vote.

“ 2. Decisions of the Security Council on procedural matters shall be made by an affirmative vote of nine members.

“ 3. Decisions of the Security Council on all other matters shall be made by an affirmative vote of nine members including the concurring votes of the permanent members; provided that, in decisions under Chapter VI, and under paragraph 3 of Article 52, a party to a dispute shall abstain from voting. ”,

“ Article 61

“ 1. The Economic and Social Council shall consist of twenty-seven Members of the United Nations elected by the General Assembly.

“ 2. Subject to the provisions of paragraph 3, nine members of the Economic and Social Council shall be elected each year for a term of three years. A retiring member shall be eligible for immediate re-election.