11(l). TERMS OF APPOINTMENT OF THE
SECRETARY-GENERAL

The General Assembly resolves that, in view of
the heavy responsibilities which rest upon the
Secretary-General in fulfilling his obligations
under the Charter:

1. The terms of the appointment of the
Secretary-General shall be such as to enable a
man of eminence and high attainment to accept
and maintain the position.

2. The Secretary-General shall receive a
salary of an amount sufficient to bring him in a
net sum of $20,000 (U.S.), together with repre-
sentation allowance of $20,000 (U.S.), per an-
um. In addition, he shall be provided with a
furnished residence, the repairs and maintenance
of which, excluding provision of household
staff, shall be borne by the Organization.

3. The first Secretary-General shall be ap-
pointed for five years, the appointment being
open at the end of that period for a further five-
year term.

4. The following observations contained in
paragraphs 18-21 of section 2, chapter VIII of
the Preparatory Commission’s Report be noted
and approved:

(a) There being no stipulation on the sub-
ject in the Charter, the General Assembly and
the Security Council are free to modify the
term of office of future Secretaries-General in
the light of experience.

(b) Because a Secretary-General is a con-
fident of many governments, it is desirable
that no Member should offer him, at any rate
immediately on retirement, any governmental
position in which his confidential information
might be a source of embarrassment to other
Members, and on his part a Secretary-General
should refrain from accepting any such
position.

(c) From the provisions of Articles 18 and
27 of the Charter, it is clear that, for the
nomination of the Secretary-General by the
Security Council, an affirmative vote of seven
members, including the concurring votes of
the permanent Members, is required; and that
for his appointment by the General Assembly,
the simple majority of the members of that body
present and voting is sufficient, unless the
General Assembly itself decides that a two-
thirds majority is called for. The same rules
apply to a renewal of appointment as to an
original appointment; this should be made
clear when the original appointment is made.

(d) It would be desirable for the Security
Council to proffer one candidate only for the
consideration of the General Assembly, and
for debate on the nomination in the General
Assembly to be avoided. Both nomination and
appointment should be discussed at private
meetings, and a vote in either the Security
Council or the General Assembly, if taken,
should be by secret ballot.

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