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**THE PHILIP C. JESSUP INTERNATIONAL LAW MOOT  
COURT COMPETITION**

**1962**

**Case Concerning Financial  
Obligations of the United Nations,  
Belgium, United Arab Republic,  
United States, 1962.**

**Problem**

1962 Problem

INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE

FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERS

OF THE UNITED NATIONS

WRITTEN STATEMENT

submitted by the

GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

The Question

The question presented to the Court is whether assessments made by the General Assembly to meet the costs of the United Nations Emergency Force and United Nations Operations in the Congo are "expenses of the Organization" within the meaning of Article 17(2) of the Charter, and are, therefore, legally binding upon the States Members of the United Nations. It is a question of fundamental importance to the fiscal authority of the United Nations, and thus to the capacity of the Organization to carry out the responsibilities laid upon it by the Charter.

The issue comes before the Court by virtue of the request for an advisory opinion contained in General Assembly Resolution 1731(XVI) of 20 December 1961. The General Assembly,

"Recognizing its need for authoritative legal guidance as to obligations of Member States under the Charter of the United Nations in the matter of financing United Nations operations in the Congo and in the Middle East," submitted the question in the following terms:

"Do the expenditures authorized in General Assembly resolutions 1583(XV) and 1590(XV) of 20 December 1960, 1595(XV) of 3 April 1961, 1619(XV) of 21 April 1961 and 1633(XVI) of 30 October 1961 relating to the United Nations operations in the Congo undertaken in pursuance of the Security Council resolutions of 14 July, 22 July and 9 August 1960 and 21 February and 24 November 1961, and General Assembly resolutions 1474(ES-IV) of 20 September 1960 and 1599(XV), 1600(XV) and 1601(XV) of 15 April 1961, and the expenditures authorized in General Assembly resolutions 1122(XI) of 26 November 1956, 1089(XI) of 21 December 1956, 1090(XI) of 27 February 1957, 1151(XII) of 22 November 1957, 1204(XII) of 13 December 1957, 1337(XIII) of 13 December 1958, 1441(XIV) of 5 December 1959 and 1575(XV) of 20 December 1960 relating to the operations of the United Nations Emergency Force undertaken in pursuance of General Assembly resolutions 997(ES-I) of 2 November 1956, 998(ES-I) and 999(ES-I) of 4 November 1956, 1000(ES-I) of 5 November 1956, 1001(ES-I) of 7 November 1956, 1121(XI) of 24 November 1956 and 1263(XIII) of 14 November 1958, constitute 'expenses of the Organization' within the meaning of Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations?"

Despite its important ramifications, the question presented is limited and precise. It asks whether the designated resolutions, imposing assessments upon States Members, have the effect of creating financial obligations binding upon those States.

#### The Jurisdiction of the Court

The jurisdiction of the Court is founded on Article 96(1)

of the Charter, which provides that:

"The General Assembly . . . may request the International Court of Justice to give an advisory opinion on any legal question."