

**Letter from Indian's Permanent Representative C.S. Jha to the UN Secretary-General proposing an item on the representation of China on the agenda of the General Assembly, 13 July 1959 (Extract)**

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 organisation 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.