

The Charter provides that the Security Council shall determine the existence of any breach of the peace or act of aggression, and shall make recommendations or decide what measures shall be taken to deal with it. If measures not involving the use of armed force would be ineffective, then the Security Council may take such action by air, sea or land forces as may be necessary to maintain or restore international peace and security.

Despite the fact that the arrangements contemplated in Article 43 of the Charter have not been concluded, because of disagreements between the leading members, and there are no formal agreements with the Security Council under which members would make available to the Council armed forces and other assistance which the Council could call upon and use where necessary, the New Zealand Government hold the view that the Security Council has a clear duty to maintain international peace and security, and they feel that it is incumbent upon members of the United Nations to give their full co-operation in all endeavours to achieve that end.

The New Zealand Government welcome the measures thus promptly taken by the Security Council and fully approve the terms of the Council's resolution of 27 June. They have advised the United Kingdom and the United States Governments of their support for the action taken by those Governments to assist the Republic of Korea to withstand aggression.

The New Zealand Government will do whatever lies within their power to fulfil the obligations they have incurred under the United Nations Charter. They are prepared to make available units of the Royal New Zealand Navy should this form of assistance be required and they are at present in consultation with the United Kingdom Government on this matter.

APPENDIX XII—STATEMENT ISSUED JULY 1, 1950, ON PROVISION OF NAVAL VESSELS BY NEW ZEALAND

The Prime Minister (Right Hon. S. G. Holland) announced this evening that, in accordance with the resolution of the Security Council and after consultation with the United Kingdom and United States Service authorities in Far Eastern waters, the Government had given orders for the two New Zealand frigates H.M.N.Z.S. "Pukaki" and "Tutira" to sail for Hong Kong *en route* to the Korean area. These two vessels will leave Auckland on Monday.

APPENDIX XIII—STATEMENT BY PRIME MINISTER IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, JULY 26, 1950

I wish to inform the House of the Government's decision in regard to the request of the Secretary-General of the United Nations for the provision of increased combat forces for Korea.

The Government has given very full and careful consideration to this matter ever since the receipt of the first resolution of the Security Council and has been in constant consultation with the United Kingdom and other British Commonwealth countries and the United States. As the House is aware, in response to the first appeal, the two frigates H.M.N.Z.S. "Tutira" and "Pukaki" were despatched for service in Korean waters.