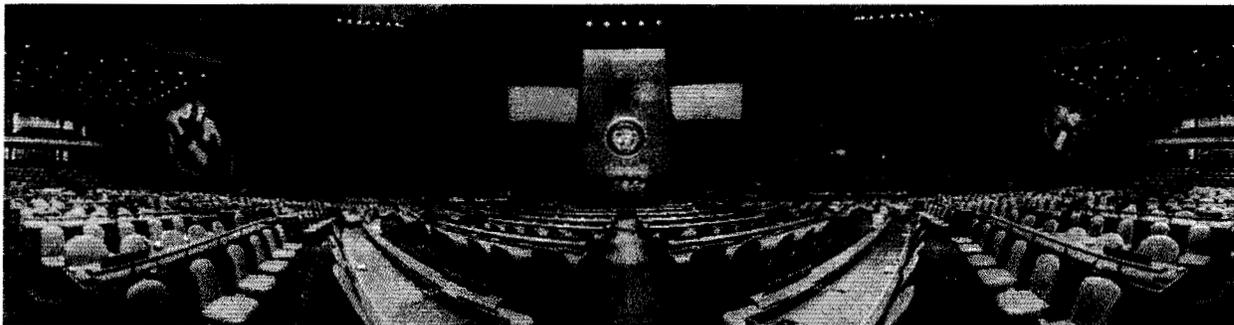


Free United Nations Coalition for Access



While the Free UN Coalition for Access since its launch on December 7, 2012, has been all about the future, we note that on Dec. 14 the UNCA Executive Committee sent out an announcement that promises to violate UNCA's Constitution, Article 3, Section 3:

"The members of the Executive Committee shall assume their duties on the first day of January following the election and shall **hold office until the last day of December of the year.** Elections of the Executive committee shall be held between November 15 and December 15." (Emphasis added)

This is one of the only acts the Executive Committee is required to do. But on Dec. 14, the day before the election had to be held, this UNCA Executive Committee simply announced that it would not hold the election before the end of the year.

They also acknowledged a loss of 40% of media space under their watch, but did not mention dis-accreditation attempts by at least three of them, nor their failure to advocate to make Under Secretaries-General hold briefings and answer questions. Why then does UNCA get first questions, and special pass and pooling rights?

Pressingly, there is an obvious legal problem: they have no powers at all after January 1; certainly they have no power to run an election after January 1. This was raised on Dec. 13 to UNCA's president, since he does not allow any use of "his" list serv for dissent. But the question was never answered: just a 13-1 vote noted. But can the 13 legitimately vote to extend their own terms past expiration?

And they have announced a General Meeting, for UNCA members only, on December 21 at 4 pm. But what is the agenda? What do they propose to vote on? They should say. To be continued – watch this site.

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