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GENERAL INTRODUCTION

The present volume constitutes the third supplement to the Repertoire of the Practice of the Security Council, 1946-1951, which was issued in 1954. It covers the proceedings of the Security Council from the 845th meeting on 30 January 1959 to the 1085th meeting on 27 December 1963. Further supplements covering the proceedings of later meetings will be issued at suitable intervals.

In order to make it easier to trace the Security Council's practice in respect of any given topic over the entire period covered by the four volumes, the headings under which the practices and procedures of the Security Council were presented in the original volume have been generally maintained unchanged in this supplement. New headings have been inserted where required. Topics which the Council has not discussed anew during this time are identified by double asterisks.

The methods employed and the principles observed in the preparation of this supplement have been the same as for the original volume of the Repertoire. They are explained in the General Introduction to that volume. The Repertoire is an expository work, which presents the results of an empirical survey of the procedures of the Council in a way calculated to make reference easy, and constitutes essentially a guide to the proceedings of the Council.

As was observed in the original volume, the Repertoire is not intended as a substitute for the records of the Security Council, which constitute the only comprehensive and authoritative account of its deliberations. The categories employed to arrange the material are not intended to suggest the existence of procedures or practices which have not been clearly or demonstrably established by the Council itself. The Security Council is at all times, within the framework of the Charter, "master of its own procedure". The object of the Repertoire will have been achieved if the reader, by using the descriptive titles of the headings under which the material is presented, is enabled to find relevant proceedings in order to draw conclusions for himself concerning the practice of the Council.

Details of the decisions of the Council have been included where appropriate in the accounts of its proceedings which make up this volume. The term "decision" has again been used to mean not only those "decisions" to which specific reference is made in the text of Articles of the Charter, but all significant steps decided upon by the Council, whether by vote or otherwise, in the course of consideration of a question.

The reader should refer for full explanations of the organization and presentation of material to the explanatory matter in the original volume. An effort has been made to avoid unnecessary repetition of such explanations in this supplement.

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The Palestine question

Official title

Letter dated 26 January 1959 from the Representative of Israel to the President of the Security Council (S/4151 and Corr.1)

Letter dated 1 April 1961 from the Permanent Representative of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/4777)

Letter dated 20 March 1962 from the Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/5096);

Letter dated 21 March 1962 from the Permanent Representative of Israel addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/5098)

Letter dated 20 August 1963 from the acting Permanent Representative of Israel addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/5394);

Letter dated 21 August 1963 from the acting Permanent Representative of Israel addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/5396);

Letter dated 21 August 1963 from the Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/5395)

Report by the Secretary-General relating to Laos

Report by the Secretary-General on the letter received from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Royal Government of Laos, transmitted by a note from the Permanent Mission of Laos to the United Nations, 4 September 1959 (S/4212, S/4213, S/4214)

<i>Short title</i>	<i>Official title</i>
Election of members of the International Court of Justice	Election of a member of the International Court of Justice to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Judge José Gustavo Guerrero (S/4204 and Corr.1, S/4205) Date of election to fill a vacancy in the International Court of Justice (S/4312) Election of a member of the Court to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Sir Hersch Lauterpacht (S/4457 and Corr.1, S/4479, S/4483 and Add.1 to 3 and Rev.1); Election of five members of the Court (S/4457 and Corr.1, S/4474/Rev.1 and Rev.1/Add.1 and 2, S/4479 and Add.1) Election of five members of the International Court of Justice (S/5388 and Corr.1 and 2 and Add.1 to 7, S/5389 and Corr.1 and Add.1, S/5390, S/5441, S/5442 and Corr.1)
Admission of new Members	Letter dated 13 January 1960 from the Prime Minister of the State of Cameroon addressed to the Secretary-General (S/4256); Letter dated 20 January 1960 from the Permanent Representative of France addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/4257) Telegram dated 20 May 1960 from the Prime Minister of the Republic of Togo addressed to the Secretary-General (S/4318); Letter dated 21 May 1960 from the Permanent Representative of France to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/4320); Letter dated 24 May 1960 from the Permanent Representative of Tunisia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/4324); Telegram dated 23 June 1960 from the President of the Federal Government of Mali addressed to the Secretary-General (S/4347); Letter dated 23 June 1960 from the Permanent Representative of France to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/4348); Telegram dated 26 June 1960 from the President of the Malagasy Republic addressed to the Secretary-General (S/4352/Rev.1, S/4353, S/4354, S/4358) Telegram dated 1 July 1960 from the Provisional President of the Republic of Somalia addressed to the Secretary-General (S/4360, S/4362, S/4363, S/4364, S/4366) Telegram dated 1 July 1960 from the Prime Minister of the Government of the Republic of the Congo addressed to the Secretary-General (S/4361) Letter dated 2 August 1960 from the Prime Minister of the Republic of Dahomey addressed to the Secretary-General (S/4428); Letter dated 7 August 1960 from the President of the Council of Ministers of the Republic of the Niger addressed to the Secretary-General (S/4429); Letter dated 7 August 1960 from the President of the Republic of the Upper Volta addressed to the Secretary-General (S/4430);

Short title

Official title

Admission of new Members
(continued)

Letter dated 7 August 1960 from the Chief of State of the Republic of the Ivory Coast addressed to the Secretary-General (S/4431);
Telegram dated 15 August 1960 from the President of the Republic of the Congo addressed to the Secretary-General (S/4433);
Letter dated 12 August 1960 from the President of the Government of the Republic of Chad addressed to the Secretary-General (S/4434);
Telegram dated 17 August 1960 from the President of the Gabon Republic addressed to the Secretary-General (S/4436);
Telegram dated 22 August 1960 from the President of the Government of the Central African Republic addressed to the Secretary-General (S/4455);
Telegram dated 16 August 1960 from the President of the Republic of Cyprus addressed to the Secretary-General (S/4435)

Letter dated 20 September 1960 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Senegal addressed to the President of the Security Council and to the Secretary-General (S/4530 and Corr.1);
Telegram dated 22 September 1960 from the President of the Government of the Republic of Mali to the Secretary-General (S/4535)

Telegram dated 1 October 1960 from the Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and Commonwealth Relations of the Federation of Nigeria to the Secretary-General (S/4545)

Telegram dated 28 November 1960 from the Prime Minister of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania to the Secretary-General (S/4563 and Corr.1)

Letter dated 27 April 1961 from the Minister for External Affairs of Sierra Leone addressed to the Secretary-General (S/4797)

Letter dated 3 December 1960 from the Deputy Permanent Representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/4569);
Letter dated 6 May 1961 from the Permanent Representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/4801)

Letter dated 30 June 1961 from the State Secretary of Kuwait, addressed to the Secretary-General (S/4852)

Letter dated 9 December 1961 from the Prime Minister of Tanganyika addressed to the Secretary-General (S/5017)

Letter dated 27 June 1962 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Rwanda addressed to the Secretary-General (S/5137);
Letter dated 1 July 1962 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Rwanda addressed to the Secretary-General (S/5137/Add.1);
Cable dated 2 July 1962 from the President of the Republic of Rwanda addressed to the Secretary-General (S/5137/Add.2)

Short title

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Admission of new Members
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Cable dated 4 July 1962 from the Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Burundi addressed to the Secretary-General (S/5139);

Letter dated 4 July 1962 from the Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Burundi addressed to the Secretary-General (S/5139/Add.1)

Telegram dated 6 August 1962 from the Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs of Jamaica addressed to the Secretary-General (S/5154);

Telegram dated 6 September 1962 from the Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs of the State of Trinidad and Tobago addressed to the Secretary-General (S/5162);

Telegram dated 8 September 1962 from the Acting Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs of the State of Trinidad and Tobago addressed to the Secretary-General (S/5162/Add.1)

Telegram dated 30 September 1962 from the Head of Government of the Democratic and Popular Republic of Algeria addressed to the Secretary-General (S/5172/Rev.1)

Telegrams dated 9 October 1962 from the Prime Minister of Uganda addressed to the Secretary-General (S/5176)

Letter dated 20 April 1963 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Kuwait addressed to the Secretary-General (S/5294)

Telegram dated 10 December 1963 from the Prime Minister of Zanzibar addressed to the Secretary-General (S/5478);

Telegram dated 12 December 1963 from the Prime Minister of Kenya addressed to the Secretary-General (S/5482)

Complaint concerning
South Africa (letter of
25 March 1960)

Letter dated 25 March 1960 from the representatives of Afghanistan, Burma, Cambodia, Ceylon, Ethiopia, Federation of Malaya, Ghana, Guinea, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Japan, Jordan, Laos, Lebanon, Liberia, Libya, Morocco, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey, United Arab Republic and Yemen addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/4279 and Add.1)

Complaint by the USSR
(U-2 incident)

Cable dated 18 May 1960 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/4314, S/4315)

Letter of 23 May 1960 from
the representatives of
Argentina, Ceylon, Ecuador
and Tunisia

Letter dated 23 May 1960 from the representatives of Argentina, Ceylon, Ecuador and Tunisia addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/4323)

Complaint by Argentina
(Eichmann Case)

Letter dated 15 June 1960 from the representative of Argentina addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/4336)

<i>Short title</i>	<i>Official title</i>
Situation in the Republic of the Congo ^{1/}	Letter dated 13 July 1960 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/4381)
Complaint by Cuba (letter of 11 July 1960)	Letter dated 11 July 1960 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Cuba addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/4378)
Complaint by the USSR (RB-47 incident)	Telegrams dated 13 July 1960 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics addressed to the Secretary-General (S/4384, S/4385)
Letter of 5 September 1960 from the USSR (Action of the OAS relating to the Dominican Republic)	Letter dated 5 September 1960 from the First Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/4477)
Complaint by Cuba (letter of 31 December 1960)	Letter dated 31 December 1960 from the Minister for External Relations of Cuba to the President of the Security Council (S/4605)
Situation in Angola	Letter dated 20 February 1961 from the representative of Liberia addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/4738) Letter dated 26 May 1961 addressed to the President of the Security Council by the representatives of Afghanistan, Burma, Cambodia, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Ceylon, Chad, Congo (Brazzaville), Congo (Leopoldville), Cyprus, Dahomey, Ethiopia, Federation of Malaya, Gabon, Ghana, Guinea, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Ivory Coast, Japan, Jordan, Laos, Lebanon, Liberia, Libya, Madagascar, Mali, Morocco, Nepal, Nigeria, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Somalia, Sudan, Togo, Tunisia, United Arab Republic, Upper Volta, Yemen and Yugoslavia (S/4816 and Add.1)
Complaint by Kuwait, Complaint by Iraq	Complaint by Kuwait in respect of the situation arising from the threat by Iraq to the territorial independence of Kuwait, which is likely to endanger the maintenance of international peace and security (S/4845, S/4844); Complaint by the Government of the Republic of Iraq in respect of the situation arising out of the armed threat by the United Kingdom to the independence and security of Iraq, which is likely to endanger the maintenance of international peace and security (S/4847)
Complaint by Tunisia	Telegram dated 20 July 1961 addressed to the President of the Security Council by the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Tunisia (S/4861); Letter dated 20 July 1961 from the Permanent Representative of Tunisia addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/4862)
Complaint by Cuba (letter of 21 November 1961)	Letter dated 21 November 1961 from the Permanent Representative of Cuba addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/4992)

^{1/} For a complete listing of the sub-items relating to the Situation in the Republic of the Congo, see chapter X, part III, footnote v.

<i>Short title</i>	<i>Official title</i>
Complaint by Portugal (Goa)	Letter dated 18 December 1961 from the Permanent Representative of Portugal addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/5030)
The India-Pakistan question	Letter dated 11 January 1962 from the Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the President of the Security Council (S/5058); Letter dated 16 January 1962 from the Permanent Representative of India to the President of the Security Council (S/5060 and Corr.1); Letter dated 29 January 1962 from the Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the President of the Security Council (S/5068)
Complaint by Cuba (letter of 22 February 1962)	Letter dated 22 February 1962 from the Permanent Representative of Cuba addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/5080)
Letter of 8 March 1962 from the representative of Cuba concerning the Punta del Este decisions	Letter dated 8 March 1962 from the Permanent Representative of Cuba addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/5086)
Complaints by representatives of Cuba, USSR and USA (22-23 October 1962)	Letter dated 22 October 1962 from the Permanent Representative of the United States of America addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/5181); Letter dated 22 October 1962 from the Permanent Representative of Cuba addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/5183); Letter dated 23 October 1962 from the Deputy Permanent Representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/5186)
Complaint by Senegal	Letter dated 10 April 1963 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Senegal addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/5279 and Corr.1)
Complaint by Haiti	Telegram dated 5 May 1963 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Haiti addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/5302)
Reports by the Secretary-General concerning Yemen	Reports of the Secretary-General to the Security Council concerning developments relating to Yemen (S/5298, S/5321, S/5323 and S/5325)
Situation in territories in Africa under Portuguese administration	Letter dated 11 July 1963 addressed to the President of the Security Council by the representatives of Algeria, Burundi, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo (Brazzaville), Congo (Leopoldville), Dahomey, Ethiopia, Gabon, Ghana, Guinea, Ivory Coast, Liberia, Libya, Madagascar, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Sudan, Tanganyika, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, United Arab Republic and Upper Volta (S/5347) Report by the Secretary-General in pursuance of the resolution adopted by the Security Council at its 1049th meeting on 31 July 1963 (S/5448 and Add.1-3)

<i>Short title</i>	<i>Official title</i>
<p>Situation in territories in Africa under Portuguese administration (continued)</p>	<p>Letter dated 13 November 1963 from the representatives of Algeria, Burundi, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Congo (Brazzaville), Congo (Leopoldville), Dahomey, Ethiopia, Gabon, Ghana, Guinea, Ivory Coast, Liberia, Madagascar, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Sudan, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, United Arab Republic and Upper Volta addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/5460)</p>
<p>Question of race conflict in South Africa</p>	<p>Letter dated 11 July 1963 addressed to the President of the Security Council by the representatives of Algeria, Burundi, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo (Brazzaville), Congo (Leopoldville), Dahomey, Ethiopia, Gabon, Ghana, Guinea, Ivory Coast, Liberia, Libya, Madagascar, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Sudan, Tanganyika, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, United Arab Republic and Upper Volta (S/5348)</p> <p>Report by the Secretary-General in pursuance of the resolution adopted by the Security Council at its 1056th meeting on 7 August 1963 (S/5438 and Add.1-5);</p> <p>Letter dated 23 October 1963 from the representatives of Algeria, Central African Republic, Ceylon, Congo (Brazzaville), Congo (Leopoldville), Dahomey, Ethiopia, Gabon, Ghana, Guinea, India, Indonesia, Ivory Coast, Liberia, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Sudan, Tanganyika, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, United Arab Republic and Upper Volta addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/5444 and Add.1)</p>
<p>Situation in Southern Rhodesia</p>	<p>Letter dated 2 August 1963 from the representatives of Ghana, Guinea, Morocco and the United Arab Republic addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/5382); and letter dated 30 August 1963 from the Chargé d'affaires of the Permanent Mission of the Congo (Brazzaville) addressed to the President of the Security Council on behalf of the representatives of Algeria, Burundi, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo (Brazzaville), Congo (Leopoldville), Dahomey, Ethiopia, Gabon, Ivory Coast, Liberia, Libya, Madagascar, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Sudan, Tanganyika, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda and Upper Volta (S/5409)</p>
<p>Complaint by Cyprus</p>	<p>Letter dated 26 December 1963 from the Permanent Representative of Cyprus addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/5488)</p>