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GENERAL INTRODUCTION

The present volume constitutes the ninth 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 2262nd meeting, on 15 January 1981, to the 2565th meeting, on 14 December 1984. Further supplements covering the proceedings of later meetings will be issued at suitable intervals.

In order to make it easier to trace the Council's practice in respect of any given topic over the entire period covered by the 10 volumes, the headings under which the practices and procedures of the Council were presented in the original volume have been generally maintained unchanged in this *Supplement*. Topics that the Council did not discuss anew during this time are identified by double asterisks.

The methods employed and the principles observed in the preparation of this *Supplement* are 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 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 that have not been clearly or demonstrably established by the Council itself. The Council is at all times, within the framework of the Charter of the United Nations, "master of its own procedure". The object of the *Repertoire* will have been achieved if readers, by using the descriptive titles of the headings under which the material is presented, are enabled to find relevant proceedings in order to draw conclusions for themselves concerning the practice of the Council.

Details of the decisions of the Council have been included where appropriate in the accounts of its proceedings that make up this volume. The term "decision" has again been used to mean not only those "decisions" to which specific reference was 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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2262nd mtg., para. 12.

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S/14950, *OR*, 37th yr., *Suppl. for April-June 1982*.

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S/14597, 2292nd mtg., para. 7.

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Resolution 557 (1984).

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GAOR, 37th sess., *plen. mtgs.*, 24th mtg., para. 134.

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Vacancy caused by the death of Judge Salah El Dine Taraz (S/14283, S/14313 and Add.1-3, S/14314 and S/14321)
Election of five members of the International Court of Justice (S/14501, S/14502/Rev.1, S/14503 and Corr.1 and 2 and S/14645)
The date of elections to fill a vacancy in the International Court of Justice (S/14799)
Election of a member of the International Court of Justice: Vacancy caused by the death of Judge Abdullah El-Erian (S/14885 and Corr.1, S/14886/Rev.1 and S/14887)
Election of five members of the International Court of Justice (S/16676, S/16680/Rev.1 and Add.1 and S/16681 and Add.1)
The situation in Namibia:
Further report of the Secretary-General concerning the implementation of Security Council resolutions 435 (1978) and 439 (1978) concerning the question of Namibia (S/14333)
Letter dated 29 January 1981 from the Permanent Representative of Tunisia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/14347)
Letter dated 10 April 1981 from the Permanent Representative of Uganda to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/14434)

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Question of South Africa	<p>The question of South Africa:</p> <p>Letter dated 28 November 1980 from the Permanent Representative of Senegal to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/14277)</p> <p>Letter dated 27 August 1981 from the Permanent Representative of Niger to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/14648)</p> <p>Letter dated 7 December 1981 from the Permanent Representative of Botswana to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/14787)</p> <p>Letter dated 8 April 1982 from the Permanent Representative of Uganda to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/14959)</p> <p>The question of South Africa:</p> <p>Report of the Security Council Committee established by resolution 421 (1977) concerning the question of South Africa on ways and means of making the mandatory arms embargo against South Africa more effective (S/14179)</p> <p>The question of South Africa¹</p> <p>Letter dated 6 June 1983 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Morocco to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/15814)</p> <p>Letter dated 10 January 1984 from the Permanent Representative of Togo to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/16265)</p> <p>Letter dated 8 August 1984 from the Permanent Representative of Algeria to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/16692)</p> <p>Letter dated 17 October 1984 from the Permanent Representative of Ethiopia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/16786)</p> <p>Letter dated 13 December 1984 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established by resolution 421 (1977) concerning the question of South Africa (S/16860)</p> <p>The situation in the Middle East:</p> <p>Letter dated 3 March 1981 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/14391)</p> <p>Special report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (S/14407)</p> <p>Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (S/14482)</p> <p>Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (S/14537)</p> <p>Letter dated 17 July 1981 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/14596)</p> <p>Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (S/14759)</p> <p>Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (S/14789 and Corr.1)</p> <p>Resolution 498 (1981)</p> <p>Special report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (S/14869)</p> <p>Letter dated 16 February 1982 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/14875)</p> <p>Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (S/15079)</p> <p>Letter dated 4 June 1982 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/15162)</p> <p>Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (S/15194 and Add.1 and 2)</p>
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Situation in the Middle East (<i>continued</i>)	Letter dated 28 July 1982 from the Permanent Representatives of Egypt and France to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/15316)
	Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (S/15357)
	Letter dated 16 September 1982 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/15392)
	Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (S/15455 and Corr.1)
	Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (S/15493)
	Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (S/15557)
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	Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (S/15863)
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	Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (S/16036)
	Letter dated 22 November 1983 from the Permanent Representative of France to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/16178)
	Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (S/16169)
	Letter dated 14 February 1984 from the Permanent Representative of France to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/16339)
	Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (S/16472)
	Letter dated 17 May 1984 from the Permanent Representative of Kuwait to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/16569)
	Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (S/16573 and Corr.1)
	Letter dated 24 August 1984 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/16713)
	Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (S/16776)
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Situation in Cyprus	The situation in Cyprus:
	Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations operation in Cyprus (S/14490 and Add.1)
	Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations operation in Cyprus (S/14778 and Corr.1 and 2 and Add.1)
	Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations operation in Cyprus (S/15149 and Corr.1 and Add.1)
	Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations operation in Cyprus (S/15502 and Corr.1 and Add.1)
	Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations operation in Cyprus (S/15812 and Corr.1 and Add.1)
	Letter dated 15 November 1983 from the Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/16147)
	Letter dated 15 November 1983 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Cyprus to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/16150)
	Letter dated 15 November 1983 from the Permanent Representative of Greece to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/16151)
	Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations operation in Cyprus (S/16192 and Add.1)
	Letter dated 30 April 1984 from the Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/16514)
	Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations operation in Cyprus (S/16596 and Corr.1 and 2 and Add.1 and 2)
	Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations operation in Cyprus (S/16858 and Add.1)

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Complaint by Iraq	Complaint by Iraq: Letter dated 8 June 1981 from the Chargé d'affaires of the Permanent Mission of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/14509)
Admission of new Members	Admission of new Members: Letter dated 22 May 1981 from the Prime Minister of the Republic of Vanuatu to the Secretary-General (S/14506) Report of the Security Council Committee on the Admission of New Members concerning the application of the Republic of Vanuatu for membership in the United Nations (S/14580) Telegram dated 21 September 1981 from the Prime Minister of Belize to the Secretary-General (S/14701) Report of the Security Council Committee on the Admission of New Members concerning the application of Belize for membership in the United Nations (S/14703) Telegram dated 1 November 1981 from the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Antigua and Barbuda addressed to the Secretary-General (S/14742) Report of the Security Council Committee on the Admission of New Members concerning the application of Antigua and Barbuda for membership in the United Nations (S/14748) Letter dated 19 September 1983 from the Prime Minister of Saint Christopher and Nevis addressed to the Secretary-General (S/15989) Report of the Security Council Committee on the Admission of New Members concerning the application of Saint Christopher and Nevis for membership in the United Nations (S/15997) Letter dated 8 February 1984 from the head of State and Prime Minister of Brunei Darussalam addressed to the Secretary-General (S/16353) Report of the Security Council Committee on the Admission of New Members concerning the application of Brunei Darussalam for membership in the United Nations (S/16367)
Letter dated 1 September 1980 from the representative of Malta	Letter dated 1 September 1980 from the Permanent Representative of Malta to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/14140)
Complaint by Angola against South Africa	Complaint by Angola against South Africa: Letter dated 26 August 1981 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Angola to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (S/14647) Letter dated 14 December 1983 from the Permanent Representative of Angola to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/16216) Letter dated 1 January 1984 from the Permanent Representative of Angola to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/16244)
Appointment of the Secretary-General	Recommendation regarding the appointment of the Secretary-General of the United Nations ¹
Consideration of the draft report of the Council to the General Assembly	Consideration of the draft report of the Security Council to the General Assembly ²
Complaint by Seychelles	Complaint by Seychelles: Letter dated 8 December 1981 from the Chargé d'affaires of the Permanent Mission of Seychelles to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/14783) Report of the Security Council Commission of Inquiry established under resolution 496 (1981) (S/14905)
Situation in the occupied Arab territories	The situation in the occupied Arab territories: Letter dated 14 December 1981 from the Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/14791) Resolution 497 (1981) Report of the Secretary-General (S/14821) Letter dated 22 March 1982 from the Permanent Representative of Jordan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/14917) Letter dated 12 April 1982 from the Permanent Representative of Morocco to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/14967) Letter dated 13 April 1982 from the Chargé d'affaires of the Permanent Mission of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/14969) Letter dated 5 November 1982 from the Permanent Representative of Morocco to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/15481) Letter dated 9 November 1982 from the Permanent Representative of Niger to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/15483)

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Situation in the occupied Arab territories (<i>continued</i>)	Letter dated 8 February 1983 from the Chargé d'affaires of the Permanent Mission of Jordan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/15599)
	Letter dated 13 May 1983 from the Permanent Representative of Qatar to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/15764)
	Letter dated 27 July 1983 from the Permanent Representative of Democratic Yemen to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/15890)
Letter dated 19 March 1982 from the representative of Nicaragua	Letter dated 19 March 1982 from the Permanent Representative of Nicaragua to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (S/14913)
Letter dated 1 April 1982 from the representative of the United Kingdom	Letter dated 1 April 1982 from the Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/14942)
Letter dated 31 March 1982 from the President of Kenya transmitting a complaint by Chad	Letter dated 31 March 1982 from the President of the Republic of Kenya to the President of the Security Council enclosing the letter dated 18 March 1982 from the President of the Republic of Chad to the President of the Security Council (S/15012)
Question concerning the Falkland Islands (Islas Malvinas)	Question concerning the situation in the region of the Falkland Islands (Islas Malvinas):
	Letter dated 4 May 1982 from the Permanent Representative of Ireland to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/15037)
	Letter dated 20 May 1982 from the Secretary-General to the President of the Security Council (S/15099)
	Letter dated 21 May 1982 from the Permanent Representative of Panama to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/15100)
	Letter dated 31 May 1982 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Panama to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/15145)
Situation between Iran and Iraq	The situation between Iran and Iraq:
	Letter dated 1 October 1982 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/15443)
	The situation between Iran and Iraq ¹
	Report of the specialists appointed by the Secretary-General to investigate allegations by the Islamic Republic of Iran concerning the use of chemical weapons (S/16433)
Complaint by Lesotho against South Africa	Complaint by Lesotho against South Africa:
	Letter dated 9 December 1982 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Lesotho to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/15515)
	Report of the Secretary-General (S/15600)
Inclusion of Arabic	Inclusion of Arabic among the official and working languages of the Security Council:
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	Letter dated 17 December 1982 from the Permanent Representative of Jordan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/15532)
Letter dated 19 February 1983 from the representative of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	Letter dated 19 February 1983 from the Permanent Representative of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/15615)
Letter dated 16 March 1983 from the representative of Chad	Letter dated 16 March 1983 from the Permanent Representative of Chad to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/15643)
Letter dated 22 March 1983 from the representative of Nicaragua	Letter dated 22 March 1983 from the representative of Nicaragua on the Security Council addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/15651)
Letter dated 5 May 1983 from the representative of Nicaragua	Letter dated 5 May 1983 from the representative of Nicaragua on the Security Council addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/15746)
Letter dated 2 August 1983 from the representative of Chad	Letter dated 2 August 1983 from the Permanent Representative of Chad to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/15902)
Letter dated 8 August 1983 from the representative of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	Letter dated 8 August 1983 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/15914)
Letter dated 1 September 1983 from the representative of the United States	Letter dated 1 September 1983 from the Acting Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/15947)
Letter dated 1 September 1983 from the observer for the Republic of Korea	Letter dated 1 September 1983 from the Permanent Observer for the Republic of Korea to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/15948)
Letter dated 1 September 1983 from the representative of Canada	Letter dated 1 September 1983 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Canada to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/15949)

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Letter dated 1 September 1983 from the representative of Japan	Letter dated 1 September 1983 from the Permanent Representative of Japan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/15950)
Letter dated 2 September 1983 from the representative of Australia	Letter dated 2 September 1983 from the Acting Permanent Representative of Australia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/15951)
Letter dated 12 September 1983 from the representative of Nicaragua	Letter dated 12 September 1983 from the representative of Nicaragua on the Security Council addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/15975)
Situation in Grenada	The situation in Grenada: Letter dated 25 October 1983 from the representative of Nicaragua on the Security Council addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/16067)
Letter dated 3 February 1984 from the representative of Nicaragua	Letter dated 3 February 1984 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Nicaragua to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/16306)
Letter dated 18 March 1984 from the representative of the Sudan	Letter dated 18 March 1984 from the Permanent Representative of the Sudan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/16420)
Letter dated 22 March 1984 from the representative of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	Letter dated 22 March 1984 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/16431)
Letter dated 29 March 1984 from the representative of Nicaragua	Letter dated 29 March 1984 from the Permanent Representative of Nicaragua to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/16449)
Letter dated 21 May 1984 from the representatives of Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates	Letter dated 21 May 1984 from the representatives of Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/16574)
Letter dated 4 September 1984 from the representative of Nicaragua	Letter dated 4 September 1984 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Nicaragua to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/16731)
Letter dated 3 October 1984 from the representative of the Lao People's Democratic Republic	Letter dated 3 October 1984 from the Permanent Representative of the Lao People's Democratic Republic to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/16765)
Letter dated 9 November 1984 from the representative of Nicaragua	Letter dated 9 November 1984 from the Permanent Representative of Nicaragua to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/16825)

NOTES

¹ The Council took up the item without including any documents in its agenda.

² Every year the Council considers its draft report to the General Assembly in a private meeting. The draft does not carry a document symbol.