

**Chapter VII**

**PRACTICE RELATIVE TO RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
REGARDING MEMBERSHIP IN THE UNITED NATIONS**

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## INTRODUCTORY NOTE

The present chapter follows the format adopted for previous *Supplements*. The Council received no applications for admission and thus there was neither consideration nor decision taken by it in the period from 1 January 1985 to 31 December 1988. As in previous *Supplements*, part I would have set forth in tabular form applications for admission, consideration thereof and decisions taken by the Council. Parts II to VI would have reflected the procedures employed by the Council in the consideration of applications. Part VII deals with practices relating to the applicability of Articles 5 and 6 of the Charter.

During the period under review, the Council did not adopt new rules of procedure or amend the existing rules relating to the admission of new members.

### Part I

## TABLE OF APPLICATIONS AND OF ACTIONS TAKEN THEREON BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, 1985-1988

### NOTE

The data in the previous volumes of the *Repertoire* were not supplemented by additional material during the period under review. However, the table in previous volumes should be consulted for an explanation of their organization. Further, the modifications in the table introduced in the earlier *Supplements* are to be maintained.

In connection with applications pending on 1 January 1985 (table D below) the Council had before it a note<sup>1</sup> dated 1 July 1987 circulating a letter of the same date from the observer of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea addressed to the President of the Council transmitting the text of a memorandum dated 22 June from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. The Council also had before it a note<sup>2</sup> by the President of the Security Council circulating the text of a letter dated 17 August from the observer of the Republic of Korea addressed to the President of the Council and its enclosure.

On the one hand, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea contended that the attempt to facilitate the simultaneous entry of the two Koreas into the United Nations was an "injustice" and that, since the question of Korea's membership in the United Nations was inseparable from the cause of national reunification, such an action would perpetuate the division of the country. The Democratic People's Republic of Korea further stressed that the question of United Nations membership was by its nature a question that must be discussed first within the two Koreas and that, if the question was brought to the United Nations by any State before the North and the South reached an agreement, it would be an infringement on the principle of national self-determination as well as a violation of Article 2, paragraph 7, of the Charter.

On the other hand, the Republic of Korea maintained that it had special claims to United Nations membership

on grounds that the country's birth and early history were inseparable from the actions of the Organization. The Republic of Korea recalled that it had been seeking its rightful place in the United Nations since it had first applied for membership in January 1949, but that, while the General Assembly had repeatedly determined that the Republic of Korea was fully qualified for membership,<sup>3</sup> its quest for United Nations membership had been frustrated by the exercise of the veto by one of the permanent members of the Security Council. The Republic of Korea further maintained that the admission of both Koreas to the United Nations would increase opportunities for dialogue and cooperation between them, thereby enhancing chances for peace and unification in Korea, and that, therefore, the Republic of Korea was not opposed to North Korea's membership in the United Nations. The Republic of Korea also stressed that, contrary to the assertion by North Korea, membership of one or both Koreas would bridge the division between the two parts of Korea through peaceful dialogue and cooperation in the framework of the United Nations.

There were also a number of other notes by the President of the Council circulating letters from the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Republic of Korea containing passing references to the question of membership and reflecting the respective positions of the two parts of Korea along the lines described above.<sup>4</sup> However, none of the letters sought explicitly to renew the pending applications of the Koreas, nor did the Council consider the matter during the period under review.

<sup>3</sup>The following General Assembly resolutions were cited: 296 G (IV) of 22 November 1949, 1017 A (XI) of 28 February 1957 and 1144 A (XII) of 25 October 1957.

<sup>4</sup>For the relevant texts, see S/17483 (Democratic People's Republic of Korea), *OR, 40th yr., Suppl. for July-Sept. 1985*; S/19026 (Republic of Korea), *OR, 42nd yr., Suppl. for July-Sept. 1987*; S/19040 (Democratic People's Republic of Korea), *ibid.*; S/19094 (Democratic People's Republic of Korea), *ibid.*; S/19272 (Democratic People's Republic of Korea), *OR, 42nd yr., Suppl. for Oct.-Dec. 1987*; S/20028 (Republic of Korea), *OR, 43rd yr., Suppl. for July-Sept. 1988*.

<sup>1</sup>S/18958, enclosure, *OR, 42nd yr., Suppl. for July-Sept. 1987*.

<sup>2</sup>S/19054, enclosure, *ibid.*

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- \*\*C. DISCUSSION OF THE QUESTION IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL, 1985-1988**

**D. APPLICATIONS PENDING ON 1 JANUARY 1985**

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Date of application</i>	<i>Document</i>
Republic of Korea	19 January 1949	S/1238, <i>OR</i> , 4th yr. <i>Suppl. for Feb. 1949</i>
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	9 February 1949	S/1247, <i>ibid.</i>

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**Part VII**

**PRACTICES RELATIVE TO THE APPLICABILITY OF  
ARTICLES 5 AND 6 OF THE CHARTER**

**NOTE**

In accordance with Article 5 of the Charter, a Member of the United Nations against which preventive or enforcement action has been taken by the Security Council may be suspended from the exercise of the rights and privileges of membership by the General Assembly upon the recommendation of the Security Council. Article 6 stipulates that a

Member of the United Nations which has persistently violated the principles of the Charter may be expelled from the Organization by the General Assembly upon the recommendation of the Security Council.

During the period under review, the Security Council neither took nor considered any measures involving Articles 5 or 6 of the Charter.

There were, however, three occasions when Article 5 was referred to implicitly and when measures were suggested in fulfilment of the Charter provision during the Council's consideration of the situation in the Arab occupied territories.<sup>5</sup>

There were also three instances in which there were explicit references to Article 6 in connection with the Council's consideration of agenda items relating to South Africa.<sup>6</sup>

Furthermore, there were a few occasions where Article 6 was referred to implicitly in connection with the Council's consideration of various agenda items dealing with South Africa.<sup>7</sup>

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<sup>5</sup>For implicit references to Article 5 in connection with the consideration of the situation in the occupied Arab territories, see S/PV.2644, p. 18 (PLO), and p. 37 (Syrian Arab Republic); and S/PV.2645, pp. 34 and 35 (Libyan Arab Jamahiriya).

<sup>6</sup>For explicit references to Article 6 in connection with the consideration of the complaint by Angola against South Africa, see S/PV.2597, p. 12 (Madagascar); S/PV.2616, p. 27 (Madagascar); and, in connection with the situation in southern Africa, S/PV.2686, p. 12 (Madagascar).

<sup>7</sup>For implicit references to Article 6 in connection with the consideration of the situation in Namibia, see S/PV.2587, p. 10 (Libyan Arab Jamahiriya); S/PV.2758, p. 32 (Angola); in connection with the question of South Africa, S/PV.2602, p. 22 (Syrian Arab Republic); in connection with the complaint by Angola against South Africa, S/PV.2606, pp. 12 and 13 (Angola); and, in connection with the situation in southern Africa, S/PV.2657, p. 18 (Libyan Arab Jamahiriya).