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GENERAL INTRODUCTION

The present volume constitutes the tenth 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 2566th meeting on 29 January 1985 to the 2834th meeting, on 20 December 1988. 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 11 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 Security 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 preparation 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*.

EDITORIAL NOTE

References to the meetings of the Security Council are given in the following form:

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As distinct from earlier volumes, reference is made in the present *Supplement* only to the provisional verbatim records, as the practice of placing meeting records in the *Official Records* of the Council was discontinued during the reporting period.

Documents of the Council are identified by the serial number in the S/ series. Where reference is given only to a number in the S/ series, this indicates that the text has not yet been issued as part of the quarterly series of the *Official Records*. Where the document has been printed in the supplements to the *Official Records*, the reference is given as follows:

Example:

S/17497, OR, 40th yr., Suppl. for July-Sept. 1985.

For reasons of expediency, however, the document citations in chapter VIII are uniformly without reference to the *Official Records*.

References to resolutions of the Council, published in yearly volumes of *Resolutions and Decisions of the Security Council*, follow the system adopted in 1964. They are identified by number, followed by the year of adoption in parenthesis, as follows:

Resolution 605 (1987).

The designations employed and the presentation of the material in this publication do not imply the expression of any opinion whatsoever on the part of the Secretariat of the United Nations concerning the legal status of any country or territory or of its authorities, or concerning the delimitation of its frontiers.

A list of short and official titles for agenda items considered by the Council throughout the period 1985 - 1988 is presented below. The short titles were formulated exclusively for the *Repertoire* in order to clarify for the reader the contents of the item under consideration. Hence they have no official standing.

Short title

Letter dated 28 January 1985 from the representative of Chad
The situation in the Middle East

Official title

Letter dated 28 January 1985 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Chad to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/16911)
The situation in the Middle East:
Letter dated 25 February 1985 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/16983)
Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (S/17093)
Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (S/17177)
Letter dated 30 May 1985 from the Permanent Representative of Egypt to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/17228)
Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (S/17557)
Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (S/17628)
Letter dated 6 January 1986 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/17717)
Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (S/17965)
Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (S/18061)
Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (S/18164 and Add.1 and Add.1/Corr.1)
Letter dated 4 September 1986 from the Permanent Representative of France to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/18318)
The situation in the Middle East:
(a) Special Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (S/18348); (b) Letter dated 18 September 1986 from the Permanent Representative of France to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/18353)
Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (S/18396 and Corr.1)
Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (S/18453)
Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (S/18581 and Corr.1 and Add.1)
Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (S/18868)

Short title
The situation in the Middle East [continued]

Official title
Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (S/18990)
Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (S/19263)
Letter dated 7 January 1988 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/19415)
Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (S/19445)
Letter dated 5 May 1988 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/19861)
Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (S/19895)
Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (S/20053)
Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (S/20276)
Letter dated 9 December 1988 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/20318)

The situation between Iran and Iraq

The situation between Iran and Iraq:
Letter dated 24 February 1985 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/16980)
Report of the Secretary-General on his visit to Iran and Iraq (S/17097); Letter dated 17 April 1985 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/17127)
Letter dated 12 February 1986 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/17821)
Report of the mission dispatched by the Secretary-General to investigate allegations of the use of chemical weapons in the conflict between the Islamic Republic of Iran and Iraq (S/17911 and Add.1)
Letter dated 30 September 1986 from the Permanent Representatives of Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Morocco, Saudi Arabia, Tunisia and Yemen to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/18372)
Report of the Secretary-General (S/18480)
The situation between Iran and Iraq:
Report of the mission dispatched by the Secretary-General to investigate allegations of the use of chemical weapons in the conflict between the Islamic Republic of Iran and Iraq (S/19823)
Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of operative paragraph 2 of Security Council resolution 598 (1987) (S/20093)
Reports of the missions dispatched by the Secretary-General to investigate allegations of the use of chemical weapons in the conflict between the Islamic Republic of Iran and Iraq (S/20060 and Add.1, S/20063 and Add.1, S/20134)

The question of South Africa

The question of South Africa:
Letter dated 28 February 1985 from the Deputy Permanent Representative of Egypt to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/16991)
Letter dated 24 July 1985 from the Permanent Representative of France to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/17351); Letter dated 25 July 1985 from the Permanent Representative of Mali to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/17345)
The question of South Africa:
Letter dated 10 June 1986 from the Permanent Representative of Zaire to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/18146)
Letter dated 24 November 1986 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established by resolution 421 (1977) concerning the question of South Africa addressed to the President of the Security Council (18474)
Letter dated 10 February 1987 from the Permanent Representative of Egypt to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/18688)
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