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## Introduction

The present volume constitutes the thirteenth 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 3616th meeting, on 5 January 1996, to the 4086th meeting, on 30 December 1999.

The *Repertoire* was mandated by the General Assembly in its resolution 686 (VII) of 5 December 1952, entitled "Ways and means for making the evidence of customary international law more readily available". It is a guide to the proceedings of the Council and sets forth in a readily accessible form the practices and procedures to which the Council has had recourse. 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, its own provisional rules of procedure, and practice established through notes by the President of the Security Council, master of its own procedure.

In recording the Council's practice, the headings under which the practices and procedures of the Council were presented in the original volume have been largely retained. Where necessary, however, adjustments have been made to better reflect the Council's practice. For ease of reference, the studies contained in chapter VIII are organized according to region or thematic issues. This introduction contains a table indicating the membership of the Security Council during the period under review.

The agenda items considered by the Council during 1996-1999, and the meetings at which they were considered, are presented in a table hereunder in the order in which the items were initially taken up during the period.

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Symbols of United Nations documents are composed of capital letters combined with figures. Security Council documents are indicated by a symbol, such as S/1996/380. References to the verbatim records of meetings of the Council are given in the form S/PV.3677, meetings being numbered consecutively, starting with the first meeting in 1946. As in previous recent volumes, reference is made in this Supplement only to the provisional verbatim records of Security Council meetings, as the practice of publishing the meeting records in the *Official Records* has been discontinued.

The resolutions adopted by the Security Council and most of the statements by the President are published in the yearly volumes of *Resolutions and Decisions of the Security Council*. Resolutions are identified by a number followed by the year of adoption in parentheses, for example, resolution 1273 (1999). Statements by the President not included in the yearly volumes are recorded in the relevant verbatim records.

Readers who wish to consult the full record of a meeting or the text of a Security Council document referred to in the *Repertoire* may do so on the official United Nations Documentation Centre website, <http://www.un.org/en/documents/>. Security Council documents can be accessed on the website by selecting “Official Document System (ODS)” or one of the direct links to specific categories of documents. The volumes of resolutions and decisions may be accessed by symbol (S/INF/52, for 1996; S/INF/53, for 1997; S/INF/54, for 1998; and S/INF/55, for 1999). Other volumes of the *Repertoire* may be consulted at <http://www.un.org/en/sc/repertoire>.

## Members of the Security Council

### 1996-1999

<i>Member</i>	<i>1996</i>	<i>1997</i>	<i>1998</i>	<i>1999</i>
Argentina				•
Bahrain			•	•
Botswana	•			
Brazil			•	•
Canada				•
Chile	•	•		
China (permanent member)	•	•	•	•
Costa Rica		•	•	
Egypt	•	•		
France (permanent member)	•	•	•	•
Gabon			•	•
Gambia			•	•
Germany	•			
Guinea-Bissau	•	•		
Honduras	•			
Indonesia	•			
Italy	•			
Japan		•	•	
Kenya		•	•	
Malaysia				•
Namibia				•
Netherlands				•
Poland	•	•		
Portugal		•	•	
Republic of Korea	•	•		



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<i>Member</i>	<i>1996</i>	<i>1997</i>	<i>1998</i>	<i>1999</i>
Russian Federation (permanent member)	•	•	•	•
Slovenia			•	•
Sweden		•	•	
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (permanent member)	•	•	•	•
United States of America (permanent member)	•	•	•	•

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