

Chapter II

AGENDA

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INTRODUCTORY NOTE

The present chapter relates to material concerning rules 6-11, inclusive, of the provisional rules of procedure of the Security Council.

As in the previous volumes of the *Repertoire*, the material in the present chapter is presented directly under the rule of procedure to which it relates. The chapter is divided into four parts: part I, Consideration of the adoption or amendment of rules 6-12; part II, The provisional agenda; part III, Adoption of the agenda (rule 9); and part IV, The agenda: Matters of which the Security Council is seized (rules 10 and 11). No material has been entered under part I since the Council did not have occasion to consider any change in rules 6-12. Nor was any material found for treatment under part II dealing with the circulation of communications by the Secretary-General and the preparation and communication of the provisional agenda.

Part III contains material on the procedure and practice of the Security Council in connection with

the adoption of the agenda. No material has been entered under section A dealing with the procedure of the Council in voting on the adoption of the agenda, section B concerning discussion in the Council of the requirements for the inclusion of an item in the agenda and of the effects of such inclusion, and section C dealing with other questions that were discussed in connection with the adoption of the agenda, such as the order of discussion of items, the scope of items in relation to the scope of the discussion, the phrasing of agenda items and the participation of a non-Member of the Council before the adoption of the agenda.

Part IV relates to the list of matters of which the Council is seized. No entry is presented under section A relating to rule 10. The tabulation in section B (rule 11) supplements the tabulation in the previous volume of the *Repertoire* and indicates the changes that have since occurred in the list of matters of which the Council is seized.

** Part I

** CONSIDERATION OF THE ADOPTION OR AMENDMENT OF RULES 6-12

Part II

THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

NOTE

The questions raised in this section concern the application of the provisional rules of procedure to the preparation, approval and circulation of the provisional agenda and the circulation by the Secretary-General of communications concerning matters for consideration by the Council.

Under the provisions of rule 6, The Secretary-General is obliged to bring to the attention of members of the Council all communications from States, organs of the United Nations or the Secretary-General concerning all matters for the consideration of the Council. During the period under review, however, there were no instances in which the question of circulation of communications arose.

Communications from regional arrangements or agencies received pursuant to Article 54 of the Charter are also circulated in the S/ series of documents.

Rule 7 entrusts the drawing up of the provisional agenda for each meeting to the Secretary-General subject to the approval of the President of the Council. The Secretary-General's discretion with respect to the inclusion of new items is restricted to those items that have been brought to the attention of the Council under rule 6. In addition to the express provisions of rule 7, the Secretary-General also has to take into account whether a specific request to include the item has been made. During the period under review there was no instance involving the manner of preparing the provisional agenda.

Part III

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA (RULE 9)

NOTE

Under rule 9, the first item on the provisional agenda for each meeting of the Council is the

adoption of the agenda. Unless an objection has been raised, the Council usually adopts the provisional agenda without vote, either with or without amendment.

During the period under review, the Council included 28 new issues in its agenda which in some cases dealt with specific incidents or aspects of more general questions. There were no instances of objections to the inclusion of an item in the agenda or a vote regarding such objection. This reflects the established practice in the Council of meeting informally in consultations prior to holding a formal meeting.

Not all requests from Member States for the consideration of issues led to formal meetings of the Council.

During the period under review, the provisional agenda of each meeting of the Council was adopted without objection. Therefore, unlike in the previous volumes of the *Repertoire*, no material was found for treatment relating to the requirements for the inclusion of an item in the agenda, the procedure of the Council in voting on the adoption of the agenda or other questions of procedure.

During the period under review, participation in the discussion of the adoption of the agenda was limited to members of the Council.

Part IV

THE AGENDA: MATTERS OF WHICH THE SECURITY COUNCIL IS SEIZED (RULES 10 AND 11)

NOTE

Rule 10 of the provisional rules of procedure was designed to enable the Council to continue, at its next meeting, the consideration of an item of unfinished business without subjecting that item to renewed debate in connection with the adoption of the agenda. In practice, however, the provisional agenda has not contained all items of unfinished business.

In the previous volumes of the *Repertoire*, it was noted that items on the agenda of the Council have remained on the Secretary-General's summary statement of matters of which the Council is seized when the tenor of the Council's discussion or its specific decisions have revealed a continuing concern with the matter.¹

During the period under review, additional evidence supporting such retention was provided when the President of the Council announced, upon conclusion of the debate, that the Council remained seized of a question.

The tabulation appearing in section B.1 supplements the tabulation in the previous volume of the *Repertoire* and indicates the changes that have since occurred in the list of matters of which the Council is seized.

** A. RULE 10

B. RULE 11

1. Retention and deletion of items from the Secretary-General's summary statements on matters of which the Security Council is seized

This tabulation supplements those appearing in previous volumes of the *Repertoire*. Part (a) indicates items added to the list of matters of which the Council was seized during the period 1981-1984 and part (b) indicates items appearing on previous lists concerning which new information was included in the summary statements during that period.

The deletion of items takes place following a request addressed to the Secretary-General by the Member States parties to the issue in question. Such a request is brought to the attention of the members of the Council by the Secretary-General in an informal communication seeking their consent to the deletion of the item. In the absence of objections on the part of the members of the Council, the Secretary-General then deletes the item in question from the annual list of matters of which the Council is seized. Items may also be deleted with the consent of the Council, on the initiative of the President or individual members of the Council or by a decision at the close of a debate. During the period covered by the present *Supplement*, no items were deleted from the list.

The titles used are the short titles referred to in the editorial note to the present *Supplement*.

(a) ITEMS ADDED TO THE LIST OF MATTERS OF WHICH THE SECURITY COUNCIL WAS SEIZED DURING THE PERIOD 1981-1984

Item	First inclusion in the agenda	First entry in summary statement	Last action of the Council as of 31 December 1984	Final entry in summary statement as of 31 December 1984
Complaint by Iraq	2280th meeting, 12 June 1981	S/14326/Add.23, 17 June 1981	Adopted resolution 487 (1981), 2288th meeting, 19 June 1981	
Complaint by Seychelles	2314th meeting, 15 December 1981	S/14326/Add.50, 29 December 1981	Adopted resolutions 496 (1981), 2314th meeting, 15 December 1981, and 507 (1982), 2370th meeting, 28 May 1982	

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Letter dated 19 March 1982 from the representative of Nicaragua	2335th meeting, 25 March 1982	S/14840/Add.12, 5 April 1982	Failed to adopt draft resolution S/14941, 2347th meeting, 2 April 1982	
Letter dated 1 April 1982 from the representative of the United Kingdom	2345th meeting, 1 April 1982	S/14840/Add.13, 12 April 1982	Adopted resolution 502 (1982), 2350th meeting, 3 April 1982	
Letter dated 31 March 1982 from the President of Kenya transmitting a complaint by Chad	2358th meeting, 30 April 1982	S/14840/Add.17, 6 May 1982	Adopted resolution 504 (1982), 2358th meeting, 30 April 1982	
Question concerning the Falkland Islands (Islas Malvinas)	2360th meeting, 21 May 1982	S/14840/Add.20, 1 June 1982	Adopted resolution 505 (1982), 2368th meeting, 26 May 1982. Failed to adopt draft resolution S/15156/Rev.2, 2373rd meeting, 4 June 1982	
Inclusion of Arabic	2410th meeting, 21 December 1982	S/14840/Add.51, 29 December 1982	Adopted resolution 528 (1982), 2410th meeting, 21 December 1982	S/14840/Add.51, 29 December 1982
Letter dated 19 February 1983 from the representative of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	2415th meeting, 22 February 1983	S/15560/Add.8, 3 March 1983	Council adjourned without fixing a date for a next meeting, 2418th meeting, 23 February 1983	
Letter dated 16 March 1983 from the representative of Chad	2419th meeting, 22 March 1983	S/15560/Add.12, 31 March 1983	President issued a statement S/15688, 6 April 1983	
Letter dated 22 March 1983 from the representative of Nicaragua	2420th meeting, 23 March 1983	"	President issued a statement, 2427th meeting, 29 March 1983	
Letter dated 5 May 1983 from the representative of Nicaragua	2431st meeting, 9 May 1983	S/15560/Add.19, 20 May 1983	Adopted resolution 530 (1983), 2437th meeting, 19 May 1983	
Letter dated 2 August 1983 from the representative of Chad	2462nd meeting, 3 August 1983	S/15560/Add.31, 15 August 1983	Adopted agenda and heard statements	
Letter dated 8 August 1983 from the representative of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	2464th meeting, 11 August 1983	S/15560/Add.32, 18 August 1983	Adopted agenda and heard statements	
Letter dated 1 September 1983 from the representative of the United States	2470th meeting, 2 September 1983	S/15560/Add.35, 16 September 1983	Failed to adopt draft resolution S/15966/Rev.1, 2476th meeting, 12 September 1983	
Letter dated 1 September 1983 from the observer for the Republic of Korea	"	"	"	
Letter dated 1 September 1983 from the representative of Canada	"	"	"	
Letter dated 1 September 1983 from the representative of Japan	"	"	"	
Letter dated 2 September 1983 from the representative of Australia	"	"	"	

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Letter dated 12 September 1983 from the representative of Nicaragua	2477th meeting, 13 September 1983	S/15560/Add.37, 27 September 1983	Adopted agenda and heard statements	
Situation in Grenada	2487th meeting, 25 October 1983	S/15560/Add.43, 4 November 1983	Failed to adopt draft resolution S/16077/Rev. 1, 2491st meeting, 27 October 1983	
Letter dated 3 February 1984 from the representative of Nicaragua	2513th meeting, 3 February 1984	S/16270/Add.4, 7 February 1984	Adopted agenda and heard statements	
Letter dated 18 March 1984 from the representative of the Sudan	2520th meeting, 27 March 1984	S/16270/Add.12, 4 April 1984	Adopted agenda, heard statements and adjourned without fixing a date for the next meeting, 2521st meeting, 27 March 1984	
Letter dated 22 March 1984 from the representative of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	2522nd meeting, 28 March 1984	"	Adopted agenda, heard statements and adjourned without fixing a date for the next meeting, 2526th meeting, 2 April 1984	
Letter dated 29 March 1984 from the representative of Nicaragua	2525th meeting, 30 March 1984	"	Failed to adopt draft resolution (S/16463, 2529th meeting, 4 April 1984)	
Letter dated 21 May 1984 from the representatives of Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates	2541st meeting, 25 May 1984	S/16270/Add.20, 7 June 1984	Adopted resolution 552 1984, 2546th meeting, 1 June 1984	
Letter dated 4 September 1984 from the representative of Nicaragua	2557th meeting, 7 September 1984	S/16270/Add.35, 27 September 1984	Adopted agenda and heard statements, 2557th meeting, 7 September 1984	
Letter dated 3 October 1984 from the representative of the Lao People's Democratic Republic	2558th meeting, 9 October 1984	S/16270/Add.40, 18 October 1984	Adopted agenda and heard statements, 2558th meeting, 9 October 1984	
Letter dated 9 November 1984 from the representative of Nicaragua	2562nd meeting, 9 November 1984	S/16270/Add.44, 15 November 1984	Adopted agenda and heard statements 2562nd meeting, 9 November 1984	
Admission of new Members: Republic of Vanuatu	2290th meeting, 8 July 1981	S/14326/Add.27, 17 July 1981	Recommended, 2291st meeting, 8 July 1981	S/14326/Add.27, 17 July 1981
Belize	2301st meeting, 23 September 1981	S/14326/Add.38, 12 October 1981	Recommended, 2302nd meeting, 23 September 1981	S/14326/Add.38, 12 October 1981
Antigua and Barbuda	2307th meeting, 10 November 1981	S/14326/Add.45, 20 November 1981	Recommended, 2309th meeting, 10 November 1981	S/14326/Add.45, 20 November 1981
Saint Christopher and Nevis	2478th meeting, 22 September 1983	S/15560/Add.38, 30 September 1983	Recommended, 2479th meeting, 22 September 1983	S/15560/Add.38, 30 September 1983
Brunei Darussalam	2517th meeting, 24 February 1984	S/16270/Add.7, 28 February 1984	Recommended, 2518th meeting, 24 February 1984	S/16270/Add.7, 28 February 1984
Election of members of the International Court of Justice: 1981	2262nd meeting, 15 January 1981	S/14326/Add.2, 22 January 1981	Recommended two candidates to fill vacancies, 2262nd meeting, 15 January 1981	S/14326/Add.2, 22 January 1981

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Election of members of the International Court of Justice: 1981 (<i>continued</i>)	2306th meeting, 5 November 1981	S/14326/Add.44, 11 November 1981	Recommended five candidates to fill vacancies, 2306th meeting, 5 November 1981	S/14326/Add.44, 11 November 1981
Date of election to fill a vacancy in the International Court of Justice	2321st meeting, 21 December 1981	S/14326/Add.51, 30 December 1981	Adopted resolution 499 (1981), 2321st meeting, 21 December 1981	S/14326/Add.51, 30 December 1981
1982	2333rd meeting, 19 March 1982	S/14840/Add.11, 29 March 1982	Recommended one candidate to fill a vacancy, 2333rd meeting, 19 March 1982	S/14840/Add.11, 29 March 1982
1984	2561st meeting, 7 November 1984	S/16270/Add.44, 15 November 1984	Recommended five candidates to fill vacancies, 2561st meeting, 7 November 1984	S/16270/Add.44, 15 November 1984

(b) ITEMS THAT APPEARED IN PREVIOUS VOLUMES OF THE *REPertoire* ON WHICH NEW ACTION BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL WAS REPORTED IN SUMMARY STATEMENTS ISSUED DURING THE PERIOD 1981-1984

<i>Item</i>	<i>First inclusion in the agenda</i>	<i>First entry in summary statement</i>	<i>Last action of the Council as of 31 December 1984</i>	<i>Final entry in summary statement as of 31 December 1984</i>
Letter dated 1 September 1980 from the representative of Malta	2246th meeting, 4 September 1980	S/13737/Add.35, 10 September 1980	Deferred further consideration of the item pending consultation with members of the Council, 2294th meeting, 30 July 1981	S/14326/Add.30, 3 August 1981
Complaint by Lesotho against South Africa	1981st meeting, 21 December 1976	S/11935/Add.51, 30 December 1976	Adopted resolution 535 (1983), 2455th meeting, 29 June 1983	S/15560/Add.26, 7 July 1983
Situation in the occupied Arab territories	1916th meeting, 4 May 1976	S/11935/Add.18, 11 May 1976	Failed to adopt draft resolution S/15895, 2461st meeting, 2 August 1983	S/15560/Add.31, 15 August 1983
Situation in Namibia	1387th meeting, 25 January 1968	S/8367, 30 January 1968	Adopted resolution 539 (1983), 2492nd meeting, 28 October 1983	S/15560/Add.43, 4 November 1983
Situation between Iran and Iraq	2247th meeting, 26 September 1980	S/13737/Add.38, 3 October 1980	Adopted resolution 540 (1983), 2493rd meeting, 31 October 1983	S/15560/Add.43, 14 November 1983
Complaint by Angola against South Africa	2077th meeting, 5 May 1978	S/12520/Add.17, 11 May 1978	Adopted resolution 546 (1984), 2511th meeting, 6 January 1984	S/16270, 11 January 1984
Situation in the Middle East	1341st meeting, 24 May 1967	S/7913, 29 May 1967	Adopted resolution 557 (1984), 2563rd meeting, 28 November 1984	S/16270/Add.47, 6 December 1984
Question of South Africa	1988th meeting, 21 March 1977	S/12269/Add.12, 31 March 1977	Adopted resolution 558 (1984), 2564th meeting, 13 December 1984	"
Situation in Cyprus	1779th meeting, 16 July 1974	S/11185/Add.28, 24 July 1974	Adopted resolution 559 (1984), 2565th meeting, 14 December 1984	S/16270/Add.49, 21 December 1984

**** (c) ITEMS THAT WERE DELETED FROM THE LIST OF MATTERS OF WHICH THE SECURITY COUNCIL
WAS SEIZED DURING THE PERIOD 1981-1984**

****2. Proceedings of the Security Council regarding the retention
and deletion of items from the agenda**

NOTE

¹ The following resolutions contained provisions according to which the Council decided to maintain the item on the agenda or to remain seized of the matter: resolutions 488 (1981) of 19 June 1981, para. 7, 498 (1981) of 18 December 1981, para. 10, 501 (1982) of 25 February 1982, para. 6, 509 (1982) of 6 June 1982, para. 4, 520 (1982), of 17 September 1982, para. 7, and 542 (1983) of 23 November 1983, para. 7, adopted in connection with the situation in the Middle East; resolutions 496 (1981) of 15 December 1981, para. 6, and 507 (1982) of 28 May 1982, para. 14, in connection with the complaint by Seychelles; resolutions 527 (1982) of 15 December 1982, para. 9, and 535 (1983) of 29 June 1983, para. 6, in connection with the complaint by Lesotho against South Africa; resolutions 532 (1983) of 31 May 1983, para. 6, and 539 (1983) of 28 October 1983, para. 10, in connection with the situation in Namibia; resolution 546 (1984) of 6 January 1984, para. 10, in connection with the complaint by Angola against South Africa; resolution 550 (1984) of 11 May 1984, para. 10, in connection with the situation in Cyprus; resolution 552 (1984) of 1 June 1984, para. 8, in connection with the letter dated 21 May 1984 from the representatives of Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates; and resolutions 554 (1984) of 17 August 1984, para. 7, and 556 (1984) of 23 October 1984, para. 8, in connection with the question of South Africa.

In some cases the Council used language that differed from the usual terminology but in fact still compelled the Council to take action. For example, in resolution 517 (1982) of 4 August 1982, para. 8, in connection with the situation in the Middle East, the Council "decided to meet at that time, if necessary, in order to consider the report of the Secretary-General". In resolution 518 (1982) of 12 August 1982, para. 6, the Council "decided to meet, if necessary, in order to consider the situation upon receipt of the report of the Secretary-General". In resolution 519 (1982) of 17

August 1982, para. 5, the Council "decided to consider the situation fully and in all its aspects before 19 October 1982." On many occasions, the Council, in its resolutions, requested the Secretary-General to report to or keep the Council regularly informed of the implementation of specific resolutions without explicit reference to the Council continuing to keep the question on its agenda. Such formulations can be found in resolutions 488 (1981) of 19 June 1981, para. 5, 490 (1981) of 21 July 1981, para. 3, 508 (1982) of 5 June 1982, para. 3, 512 (1982) of 19 June 1982, para. 4, 515 (1982) of 29 July 1982, para. 2, 516 (1982) of 1 August 1982, para. 3, 521 (1982) of 19 September 1982, para. 7, 523 (1982) of 18 October 1982, para. 5, 529 (1983) of 18 January 1983, para. 3, 536 (1983) of 18 July 1983, para. 3, 538 (1983) of 18 October 1983, para. 3, in connection with the situation in the Middle East; resolution 487 (1981) of 19 June 1981, para. 7, in connection with the complaint by Iraq; resolution 505 (1982) of 26 May 1982, para. 5, in connection with the question concerning the Falkland Islands (Islas Malvinas); resolutions 510 (1982) of 15 June 1982, para. 3, 526 (1982) of 14 December 1982, para. 3, 534 (1983) of 15 June 1983, para. 3, and 544 (1983) of 15 December 1983, para. 2, in connection with the situation in Cyprus; resolutions 514 (1982) of 12 July 1982, para. 6, and 522 (1982) of 4 October 1982, para. 7, in connection with the situation between Iran and Iraq; resolution 530 (1983) of 19 May 1983, para. 5, in connection with the letter dated 5 May 1983 from the representative of Nicaragua; resolution 546 (1984) of 6 January 1984, para. 9, in connection with the complaint by Angola against South Africa; and resolutions 554 (1984) of 17 August 1984, para. 6, 556 (1984) of 23 October 1984, para. 7, and 558 (1984) of 13 December 1984, para. 4, in connection with the question of South Africa.