

Chapter II

AGENDA

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INTRODUCTORY NOTE

The present chapter relates to material concerning rules 6 to 11 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 (rules 6-8); 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 to 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 found for treatment under section A dealing with the procedure of the Council in voting on the adoption of the agenda. In section B no material has been entered under subheading 1 dealing with consideration of the requirements for the inclusion of an item in the agenda. Subheading 2 includes one case history concerning the effect of the inclusion of an item on the agenda.

No material was found for inclusion in section C dealing with other questions that were discussed in connection with 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. Commu-

nications 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 Security 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 amendments.

During the period under review, the Council included 24 new issues in its agenda, which in some cases dealt with specific incidents or aspects of more general questions. Not all requests from Member States for the consideration of issues led to formal meetings of the Council.

No material was found for inclusion in section A concerning the procedure of the Council in voting on the adoption of the agenda.

Section B refers to case histories of the discussion in the Council when objection has been raised to the adoption of the agenda in connection with the substance of the item on the provisional agenda. The case histories are not concerned with the grounds of objection, which are, however, briefly indicated. No material was found for treatment under subheading 1 concerning discussion in the Council of the requirements for the inclusion of an item in the agenda. Subheading 2 deals with the effects of such inclusion (case 1).

Section C refers to instances when the Council discussed other questions of procedure arising on 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 non-members of the Council before the adoption of the agenda. No material was found for inclusion in the section during the period under review.

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

****A. PROCEDURE OF VOTING ON THE ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

****1.** Votes taken concerning individual items on the provisional agenda

****2.** Votes taken on proposals to determine or change the order of items

****3.** Votes taken on the adoption of the agenda as a whole

B. CONSIDERATION OF:

****1.** Requirements for the inclusion of an item in the agenda

2. Effect of the inclusion of an item in the agenda

CASE 1

At the 2791st meeting, on 16 February 1988, the provisional agenda read as follows:¹

1. Adoption of the agenda.

2. Letter dated 10 February 1988 from the Permanent Observer of the Republic of Korea to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/19488).

Letter dated 10 February 1988 from the Permanent Representative of Japan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/19489).

The representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics stated that his delegation did not consider it useful to include on the agenda of the Security Council the question of the destruction of the South Korean aircraft. The document submitted by South Korea could not serve as a point of reference for the Council's debate. In his view the inclusion of that item on the agenda could have negative consequences for the already quite tense situation in the Korean peninsula. He wanted the position of his delegation to be reflected in the records of the Security Council.

The President (United States) said that the statement by the representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics would be included in the official records of the Council. In the absence of other speakers (or any objections) the agenda was adopted.

****C. OTHER DISCUSSION ON THE ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

****1.** Order of discussion of the items on the agenda

****2.** Scope of items and sub-items on the agenda in relation to the scope of the discussion

****3.** Phrasing of items on the agenda

¹S/Agenda/2791.

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 Security 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.

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 tables appearing in section B.1 supplement the tables in the previous volume of the *Repertoire* and indicate 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 table 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 1985-1988 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, dealt with in part (c), 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, two items were deleted from the list. Part (d) indicates statements of the President that appeared on the summary statement or in the Security Council reports, but were not adopted as an agenda item during the period 1985-1988.

(a) ITEMS ADDED TO THE LIST OF MATTERS OF WHICH THE SECURITY COUNCIL WAS SEIZED DURING THE PERIOD 1985-1988

<i>Item</i>	<i>First inclusion in the agenda</i>	<i>First entry in summary statement</i>	<i>Last action of the Council as at 31 December 1988</i>	<i>Final entry in summary statement as at 31 December 1988</i>
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	2567th meeting, 30 January 1985	S/16880/Add.4, 13 February 1985	Adopted agenda and heard statements	
Letter dated 6 May 1985 from the Permanent Representative of Nicaragua to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council	2577th meeting, 8 May 1985	S/16880/Add.18, 20 May 1985	Adopted resolution 562 (1985), 2580th meeting, 10 May 1985	
Letter dated 17 June 1985 from the Permanent Representative of Botswana to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council	2598th meeting, 21 June 1985	S/16880/Add.24, 9 June 1985	Adopted resolution 568 (1985), 2599th meeting, 21 June 1985	
United Nations for a better world and the responsibility of the Security Council in maintaining international peace and security	2608th meeting, 26 September 1985	S/16880/Add.38, 16 October 1985	President made a statement (S/17501), 2608th meeting, 26 September 1985	S/16880/Add.38, 16 October 1985
Letter dated 26 September 1985 from the Permanent Representative of Botswana to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council	2609th meeting, 30 September 1985	S/16880/Add.39, 6 November 1985	Adopted resolution 572 (1985), 2609th meeting, 30 September 1985	
Letter dated 1 October 1985 from the Permanent Representative of Tunisia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council	2610th meeting, 2 October 1985	S/16880/Add.39, 6 November 1985	Adopted resolution 573 (1985), 2615th meeting, 4 October 1985	
Letter dated 6 December 1985 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	2633rd meeting, 10 December 1985	S/16880/Add.49, 19 December 1985	Adopted agenda and heard statements	
Letter dated 16 December 1985 from the Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (hostage-taking and abduction)	2637th meeting, 18 December 1985	S/16880/Add.50, 31 December 1985	Adopted resolution 579 (1985), 2637th meeting, 18 December 1985	

<i>Item</i>	<i>First inclusion in the agenda</i>	<i>First entry in summary statement</i>	<i>Last action of the Council as at 31 December 1988</i>	<i>Final entry in summary statement as at 31 December 1988</i>
Letter dated 4 February 1986 from the Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council	2651st meeting, 4 February 1986	S/17725/Add.5, 18 February 1986	Failed to adopt draft resolution S/17796/Rev.1, 2655th meeting, 6 February 1986	
The situation in southern Africa	2652nd meeting, 5 February 1986	S/17725/Add.5, 18 February 1986	Adopted agenda and heard statements	
Letter dated 25 March 1986 from the Permanent Representative of Malta to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council	2668th meeting, 26 March 1986	S/17725/Add.12, 15 April 1986	Adopted agenda and heard statements Draft resolution (S/17954), 2671st meeting, 31 March 1986 - not voted	
Letter dated 25 March 1986 from the Permanent Representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council				
Letter dated 26 March 1986 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council				
Letter dated 12 April 1986 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Malta to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council	2672nd meeting, 12 April 1986	S/17725/Add.14, 23 April 1986	Adopted agenda and heard statements Draft resolution (S/17984), 2673rd meeting, 14 April 1986	
Letters dated 15 April 1986 from the Chargés d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Missions of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Burkina Faso and the Syrian Arab Republic, and from the Permanent Representative of Oman to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council	2674th meeting, 15 April 1986	S/17725/Add.15, 30 April 1986	Failed to adopt draft resolution S/18016/Rev.1, 2682nd meeting, 21 April 1986	
Letter dated 27 June 1986 from the Permanent Representative of Nicaragua to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council	2694th meeting, 1 July 1986	S/17725/Add.26, 16 July 1986	Adopted agenda and heard statements	
Letter dated 22 July 1986 from the Permanent Representative of Nicaragua to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council	2700th meeting, 29 July 1986	S/17725/Add.30, 11 August 1986	Failed to adopt draft resolution S/18250, 2703rd meeting, 31 July 1986	
Letter dated 17 October 1986 from the Permanent Representative of Nicaragua to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council	2715th meeting, 21 October 1985	S/17725/Add.42, 31 October 1986	Adopted agenda and heard statements	
Letter dated 13 November 1986 from the Permanent Representative of Chad to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council	2721st meeting, 18 November 1986	S/17725/Add.46, 26 November 1986	Adopted agenda and heard statements	

<i>Item</i>	<i>First inclusion in the agenda</i>	<i>First entry in summary statement</i>	<i>Last action of the Council as at 31 December 1988</i>	<i>Final entry in summary statement as at 31 December 1988</i>
Letter dated 9 December 1986 from the Permanent Representative of Nicaragua to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council	2728th meeting, 10 December 1986	S/17725/Add.49, 23 December 1986	Failed to adopt draft resolution S/18428, 2718th meeting, 28 October 1986	
Letter dated 10 February 1988 from the Permanent Observer of the Republic of Korea to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council	2791th meeting, 16 February 1988	S/19420/Add.7, 25 February 1988	Adopted agenda and heard statements	
Letter dated 10 February 1988 from the Permanent Representative of Japan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council				
Letter dated 11 March 1988 from the Permanent Representative of Argentina to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council	2800th meeting, 17 March 1988	S/19420/Add.11, 25 March 1988	Adopted agenda and heard statements	
Letter dated 17 March 1988 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	2802nd meeting, 18 March 1988	S/19420/Add.11, 25 March 1988	Adopted agenda and heard statements	
Letter dated 19 April 1988 from the Permanent Representative of Tunisia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council	2807th meeting, 21 April 1988	S/19420/Add.16, 28 April 1988	Adopted resolution 611 (1988), 2810th meeting, 25 April 1988	
Letter dated 5 July 1988 from the Acting Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council	2818th meeting, 14 July 1988	S/19420/Add.28, 22 July 1988	Adopted resolution 616 (1988), 2821st meeting, 20 July 1988	S/19420/Add.29, 28 July 1988
The situation relating to Afghanistan	2828th meeting, 31 October 1988	S/19420/Add.44, 8 November 1988	Adopted resolution 622 (1988), 2828th meeting, 31 October 1988	
Letter dated 17 December 1988 from the Permanent Representative of Angola to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General	2834th meeting, 20 December 1988	S/19420/Add.51, 29 December 1988	Adopted resolution 626 (1988), 2834th meeting, 20 December 1988	
Letter dated 17 December 1988 from the Permanent Representative of Cuba to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General				
Date of elections to fill a vacancy in the International Court of Justice (S/17433)	2604th meeting, 12 September 1985	S/16880/Add.36, 1 October 1985	Adopted resolution 570 (1985), 12 September 1985	S/16880/Add.36, 7 October 1985
Date of elections to fill a vacancy in the International Court of Justice - 1987	2739th meeting, 27 March 1987	S/18570/Add.12, 3 April 1987	Adopted resolution 595 (1987), 27 March 1987	18570/Add.12, 3 April 1987
Election of a member of the International Court of Justice	2632nd meeting, 9 December 1985	S/16880/Add.49, 1 October 1985	Recommended one candidate to fill the vacancy, 2632nd meeting, 9 December 1985	S/16880/Add.49, 1 October 1985

<i>Item</i>	<i>First inclusion in the agenda</i>	<i>First entry in summary statement</i>	<i>Last action of the Council as at 31 December 1988</i>	<i>Final entry in summary statement as at 31 December 1988</i>
Election of a member of the International Court of Justice - 1987	2752nd meeting, 14 September and 15 October 1987	S/18570/Add.37, 30 September 1987	Recommended one candidate to fill the vacancy, 2752nd meeting, 14 September 1987	S/18570/Add.37, 30 September 1987
Election of five members of the International Court of Justice	2760th and 2762nd meetings, 11 November 1987	S/18570/Add.45, 10 December 1987	Recommended 5 candidates to fill the vacancies, 2760th and 2762nd meetings, 11 November 1987	S/18570/Add.45, 10 December 1987
Recommendation regarding the appointment of the Secretary-General of the United Nations	2774th meeting, 10 October 1986 (private)	S/17725/Add.40, 20 October 1986	Secretary-General issued a communiqué, 2779th meeting, 10 October 1986	
Consideration of the draft report of the Security Council to the General Assembly 16 June 1983-15 June 1984	2566th meeting, 29 January 1985 (private)	S/16880/Add.4, 13 February 1985	Adopted draft report	S/16880/Add.4, 13 February 1985
16 June 1984-15 June 1985	2627th meeting, 15 November 1985 (private)	S/16880/Add.45, 26 November 1985	Adopted draft report	S/16880/Add.45, 26 November 1985
16 June 1985-15 June 1986	2720th meeting, 12 November 1986 (private)	S/17725/Add.45, 19 November 1985	Adopted draft report	S/17725/Add.45, 19 November 1985
16 June 1986-15 June 1987	2768th meeting, 25 November 1987 (private)	S/18570/Add.47, 14 December 1987	Adopted draft report	S/18570/Add.47, 14 December 1987
16 June 1987-15 June 1988	2829th meeting, 8 November 1988 (private)	S/19420/Add.45, 14 November 1988	Adopted draft report	S/19420/Add.45, 14 November 1988
Letter dated 21 August 1987 from the Acting President and Minister for External Affairs of the Republic of Nauru addressed to the Secretary-General (S/19137) (concerning Nauru's application to become a party to the Statute of the International Court of Justice)	2753rd meeting, 15 October 1987	S/18570/Add.41, 23 October 1987	Decided to refer the application to the Security Council's Committee of Experts for study. Requested the Committee to meet the next day, 16 October 1987. Requested the Committee to prepare its report.	S/18570/Add.42, 3 November 1987
Report of the Chairman of the Committee of Experts concerning the conditions on which the Republic of Nauru may become a party to the Statute of the International Court of Justice	2754th meeting, 19 October 1987	S/18570/Add.42, 3 November 1987	Adopted resolution 600 (1987), 2754th meeting, 19 October 1987	S/18570/Add.42, 3 November 1987

(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 1985-1988

<i>Item</i>	<i>First inclusion in the agenda</i>	<i>First entry in summary statement</i>	<i>Last action of the Council as at 31 December 1988</i>	<i>Final entry in summary statement as at 31 December 1988</i>
The situation in the Middle East	1341st meeting, 24 May 1976	S/7913, 29 May 1976	Failed to adopt draft resolution S/20322, 2832nd meeting, 14 December 1988	
The situation between Iran and Iraq	2247th meeting, 26 September 1980	S/13737/Add.38, 3 October 1980	Adopted resolution 620 (1988), 2825th meeting, 26 August 1988	
The question of South Africa	1988th meeting, 21 March 1977	S/12269/Add.12, 31 March 1977	Adopted resolution 623 (1988), 2830th meeting, 23 November 1988	
The situation in Namibia	1387th meeting, 25 January 1968	S/8367, 30 January 1968	President made a statement (S/20208), 2827th meeting, 29 September 1988	

<i>Item</i>	<i>First inclusion in the agenda</i>	<i>First entry in summary statement</i>	<i>Last action of the Council as at 31 December 1988</i>	<i>Final entry in summary statement as at 31 December 1988</i>
The situation in Cyprus	1779th meeting, 16 July 1974	S/11185/Add.28, 24 July 1974	Adopted resolution 625 (1988), 2833rd meeting, 15 December 1988	
Complaint by Angola against South Africa	2077th meeting, 5 May 1978	S/12520/Add.17, 11 May 1978	Adopted resolution 606 (1987), 2778th meeting, 23 December 1987	
The Middle East problem including the Palestinian question	1870th meeting, 12 January 1976	S/11935/Add.2 22 January 1976	Adopted agenda and heard statements	
Complaint by Lesotho against South Africa	1981st meeting, 27 December 1976	S/11935/Add.51, 30 December 1976	Adopted resolution 580 (1985), 2639th meeting, 30 December 1985	
The situation in the occupied Arab territories	1916th meeting, 4 May 1976	S/11935/Add.18, 11 May 1976	President issued a statement (S/20156), 26 August 1988	
The situation concerning Western Sahara	1849th meeting, 20 October 1975	S/11593/Add.42, 29 September 1988	Adopted resolution 621 (1988), 2826th meeting, 20 September 1988	

(c) ITEMS THAT WERE DELETED FROM THE LIST OF MATTERS OF WHICH THE SECURITY COUNCIL WAS SEIZED DURING THE PERIOD 1985-1988

<i>Item</i>	<i>First inclusion in the agenda</i>	<i>First entry in summary statement</i>	<i>Last action of the Council as at 31 December 1988</i>	<i>Final entry in summary statement as at 31 December 1988</i>
Letter dated 20 February 1961 from the representative of Liberia addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/4738)	944th meeting, 10 March 1961	S/4765, 14 March 1961	Failed to adopt draft resolution (S/4769), 946th meeting, 15 March 1961	S/17725, 8 January 1986
Letter dated 12 December 1975 from the Permanent Representative of Iceland addressed to the President of the Security Council	1866th meeting, 16 December 1975	S/11593/Add.50, 23 December 1975	Adopted agenda and heard statements	S/18570, 8 January 1987

(d) STATEMENTS OF THE PRESIDENT THAT APPEARED ON THE SUMMARY STATEMENT OR IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL REPORTS, BUT WERE NOT ADOPTED AS AN AGENDA ITEM DURING THE PERIOD 1985-1988

<i>Item</i>	<i>First inclusion in the agenda</i>	<i>First entry in summary statement</i>	<i>Last action of the Council as at 31 December 1988</i>	<i>Final entry in summary statement as at 31 December 1988</i>
Statement by the President (release of <i>Achille Lauro</i> passengers)	2618th meeting, 9 October 1985 prior to the adoption of the agenda ^a	S/16880/Add.40, 5 November 1985	President made a statement (S/17554), 2618th meeting, 9 October 1985	S/16880/Add.40, 5 November 1985
Statement by the President (terrorist attacks at Rome and Vienna airports)	2639th meeting, 30 December 1985 upon the resumption of the meeting after a suspension for consultations ^b	S/17725, 8 January 1986	President read out a statement on behalf of the members of the Council (S/17702)	S/17725, 8 January 1985
Statement by the President of the Security Council on the occasion of the fortieth anniversary of the first meeting of the Security Council and the inauguration on 1 January 1986 of the International Year of Peace	2642nd meeting, 17 January 1986 prior to the adoption of the agenda ^c	S/17725/Add.2, 22 January 1986	President read out a statement on behalf of the members of the Council (S/17745)	S/17725/Add.2, 22 January 1986

^aThe agenda of the 2618th meeting was, "The Middle East problem including the Palestinian question".^bThe agenda of the 2639th meeting was, "Complaint by Lesotho against South Africa".^cThe agenda of the 2642nd meeting was, "The situation in the Middle East".

<i>Item</i>	<i>First inclusion in the agenda</i>	<i>First entry in summary statement</i>	<i>Last action of the Council as at 31 December 1988</i>	<i>Final entry in summary statement as at 31 December 1988</i>
Statement by the President of the Security Council (in connection with the incident of 20 June 1988) (S/19959)			24 June 1988 after consultations President issued a statement on behalf of the members of the Council (S/19959)	

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