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TEXT OF ARTICLE 25

The Members of the United Nations agree to accept and carry out the decisions of the Security Council in accordance with the present Charter.

NOTE

1. During the period under review, the Council adopted one presidential statement that explicitly invoked Article 25 of the Charter. In connection with the item entitled “Maintenance of international peace and security: Strengthening collective security through general regulation and reduction of armaments”, the Council recalled the obligation of all States to accept and carry out its decisions in accordance with Article 25 and affirmed its commitment to continue monitoring and promoting the effective implementation of its decisions, in order to avoid conflict, promote and maintain international peace and security and further confidence in collective security.¹

2. In addition, Article 25 was touched upon, without being invoked explicitly, in a number of resolutions and statements made by the President. In particular, the binding nature of the decisions of the Council, within the context of Article 25, was reaffirmed in several decisions primarily dealing with compliance with sanctions measures.²

¹ S/PRST/2008/43, tenth paragraph.

² For instance, in connection with the situation between Iraq and Kuwait, see S/RES/1441 (2002), para.9 and in connection with small arms, S/PRST/2007/24, eighth paragraph.

Additionally, the Council also considered a draft resolution containing implicit references to Article 25 which failed to be adopted.³

3. On several occasions explicit references to Article 25 were made in the deliberations of the Council.⁴ In many instances, the binding nature of Article 25 in comparison with resolutions adopted under Chapter VII was discussed.⁵ Views were also expressed concerning the significance and application of Article 25⁶ as well as the relationship between Articles 24 and 25.⁷

4. The Article was also explicitly invoked in several communications from Member States.⁸

5. For detailed information regarding the Council's practice on Article 25, as described in paragraphs 1 to 4 above, see chapter XII of the fourteenth and fifteenth supplements and part V of the sixteenth supplement to the *Repertoire of the Practice of the Security Council*:

http://www.un.org/en/sc/repertoire/2000-2003/00-03_12.pdf (during 2000-2003);

http://www.un.org/en/sc/repertoire/2004-2007/04-07_12.pdf (during 2004-2007); and

http://www.un.org/en/sc/repertoire/2008-2009/Part%20V/08-09_Part%20V.pdf (during 2008-2009).

³ S/2002/363, seventh preambular paragraph.

⁴ For instance, in connection with the situation between Iraq and Kuwait, see S/PV.4625 and Corr. 1, p. 18 (Pakistan). In connection with the situation in the Great Lakes region, see S/PV.5359, p. 13 (Botswana).

⁵ For instance, in connection with strengthening international law: rule of law and maintenance of international peace and security, see S/PV.5474, p.29 (Mexico).

⁶ For instance, in connection with the situation between Eritrea and Ethiopia, see S/PV.5946, p.2 (Italy).

⁷ For instance, in connection with the situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina, see S/PV.4568. p.19 (Mongolia).

⁸ See, for instance, letters dated 2 January 2002 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2002/2, Annex and S/2002/10, Annex). See also identical letters dated 29 July 2008 from the representative of the Sudan addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council (S/2008/500, Annex).