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ARTICLE 27

TEXT OF ARTICLE 27

- 1. Each member of the Security Council shall have one vote.
- 2. Decisions of the Security Council on procedural matters shall be made by an affirmative vote of nine members.
- 3. Decisions of the Security Council on all other matters shall be made by an affirmative vote of nine members including the concurring votes of the permanent members; provided that, in decisions under Chapter VI, and under paragraph 3 of Article 52, a party to a dispute shall abstain from voting.

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

- 1... This study deals with the voting practice of the Security Council in relation to Article 27. It is not concerned with voting practice extraneous to that Article, such as the election of judges of the International Court of Justice, in pursuance of Article 10 of the Court's Statute. Certain problems of procedure relating to voting are treated under Article 30.
- 2. The material included in the Summary of Practice affords evidence concerning the distinction between "procedural matters" and "all other matters" under Article 27. During the period under review there was no recourse by the Council to the procedure for determining the preliminary question whether a matter was procedural within the meaning of Article 27, but consideration was given to the final provision of paragraph 3 regarding decisions under Chapter VI. The Summary of Practice also includes the material on the practice of the Council relating to the requirements of the provisions of Article 27 (3) for an affirmative decision of the Council on non-procedural matters, as well as on the practice of non-participation in the vote by permanent as well as non-permanent members.
- 3. The Summary of Practice notes the continued development of the practice of taking decisions by means other than a formal vote in the course of a meeting of the Council, frequently with the record indicating that agreement on a draft resolution or other action had been reached in the course of informal consultations among the members of the Council.
- 4. Three annexes are appended: annex I lists cases in which the vote indicated the procedural character of the matter; annex II, cases in which the vote indicated the non-procedural character of the matter; and annex III, cases in which permanent members abstained otherwise than in accordance with the proviso of Article 27 (3).

SUMMARY OF PRACTICE

5... Article 27 stipulates that decisions of the Security Council are to be made by an affirmative vote. However, during the period under review, the Security Council has increasingly resorted to methods of reaching a decision other than by voting. On occasion, the President has recorded that a resolution was adopted or a decision was taken by consensus or in the absence of objection. At other times, a Presidential statement has been placed on record or issued as a Security Council document setting out the action to be taken or expressing the consensus of the members of the Council relating to the matter under consideration. In the period under review, 229 affirmative or negative decisions were taken by vote, while another 114 decisions were approved without a vote.1 Statements of consensus sometimes indicated that one or more members of the Council had dissociated themselves from the matter.

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6. When decisions are to be taken by a vote, the voting in the Council has customarily been by show of hands,

¹The figures do not include decisions on procedural matters, when no vote was taken, on the adoption of the agenda, on adjournment and on invitations to participate in the debate under rule 37 or rule 39 of the provisional rules of procedure.

the President asking for those in favour, those against and those abstaining. In the record of votes, permanent as well as non-permanent members have been identified as not participating in the voting.² In elections, the voting has been conducted by secret ballot.³

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A. The question of the distinction between "procedural matters" and "all other matters"

- 7. This section reviews Security Council decisions which would appear to indicate, taking into account the related discussion, whether the matter was considered as procedural or non-procedural. In the analysis of the record of voting the following criteria have been applied:
- (a) Where a proposal obtained nine or more votes, with one or more permanent members casting a negative vote, adoption by the Council indicates the procedural character of the decision and rejection indicates its non-procedural character.
- (b) A matter is procedural or non-procedural if the Council expressly so decides, usually by vote.
- 8. The majority of occasions on which the Security Council has voted afford no indication as to whether it

- During the period under review, decisions within the following categories were considered procedural without any objection having been raised, when significant votes, in the sense of the criteria stated in paragraph 7 above, were recorded:
 - (a) Inclusion of an item in the agenda4
- (b) Suspension of rule 59 of the provisional rules of procedure⁵
- (c) Invitation neither under rule 37 nor rule 39 to the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) to participate in the debate with the same rights of participation as were conferred on a Member State invited under rule 37 of the provisional rules of procedure⁶
- (d) Invitation to non-member States to participate in the Council's discussion of their application for membership⁷
 - (e) Adjournment of a meeting.8
- **B. The question of procedure in deciding the preliminary question: whether a matter is procedural within the meaning of Article 27
- The question of the fulfilment of the requirement of Article 27 (3) regarding "the concurring votes of the permanent members'
- 1. THE QUESTION WHETHER THE ABSTENTION OF A PERMANENT MEMBER PRECLUDES FULFILMENT OF THE REQUIREMENT OF ARTICLE 27 (3) CONCERNING "THE CONCURRING VOTES OF THE PERMANENT MEMBERS'

²S C (26), t612th mtg., China; S C (27), 1638th mtg., China; 1657th mtg., China; 1682nd mtg., China; S C (28), 1735th mtg., China; 1747th mtg., China; 1748th mtg., China; 1752nd mtg., China; 1748th mtg., China; 1752nd mtg., China; 1760th mtg., China; S C (29), 1765th mtg., China; 1769th mtg., China and Iraq; 1770th mtg., China; 1774th mtg., China and Iraq; 1788th mtg., China, the Byelorussian SSR and the USSR; 1789th mtg., China; 1793rd mtg., China; 1794th mtg., China; 1799th mtg., China and Iraq; 1809th mtg., China and Iraq; 1810th mtg., China; S C (30), 1821st mtg., China and Iraq; 1822nd mtg., China and Iraq; 1830th mtg., China; 1832nd mtg., China and Iraq; 1851st mtg., China and Iraq; 1856th mtg., China and Iraq; 1862nd mtg., China and Iraq; 1863rd mtg., China; S C (31), 1879th mtg., China and Iraq; 1963th mtg., China; S C (31), 1879th mtg., China and Iraq; China; S C (31), 1879th mtg., China and The Libyan Arab Republic; 1927th mtg., Benin and China; 1943rd mtg., Benin, China, Guyana, the Libyan Arab Republic, Pakistan, the USSR and the United Republic of Tanzania; 1964th mtg., China and the Libyan Arab Republic; 1974th mtg., China; 1975th mtg., China and the Libyan Arab Republic; 1974th mtg., China; 1975th mtg., China and the Libyan Arab Republic; 1974th mtg., China; 1975th mtg., China and the Libyan Arab Republic; 1974th mtg., China; 1975th mtg., Benin, China and the Libyan Arab Republic; 1979th mtg., Benin and Benin, China and the Libyan Arab Republic; 1979th mtg., Benin and China; S C (32), 2010th mtg., Benin, China and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya; 2012th mtg., China; 2034th mtg., China; 2035th mtg., China and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya; 2051st mtg., Benin, China and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya; 2054th mtg., China; S C (33), 2074th mtg., China; 2075th mtg., China; 2076th mtg., China; 2080th mtg., China; 2080th mtg., China; 2080th mtg., China; 2081th mtg., China; 2091st mtg., China; 2091st mtg., China; 2101st mtg., China; 2107th mtg., China; 2101st mtg., China; 2107th mtg., China; 2107th

General, ballots were used which enabled the tellers to distinguish between the votes of the permanent and non-permanent members.

⁴S C (27), 1658th mtg.; S C (30), 1834th mtg. ⁵S C (25), 1554th mtg.

6S C (30), 1859th mtg.; S C (31), 1870th mtg., 1893rd mtg., 1916th 'mtg., 1924th mtg., 1966th mtg.; S C (32), 1993rd mtg., 2041st mtg.; S C (33), 2071st mtg., 2086th mtg.

7Angola: S C (31), 1932nd mtg., 1974th mtg.; Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam and Republic of Viet-Nam: S C (30), 1846th mtg.; Socialist Republic of Viet-Nam (31), 1973rd mtg.; S C (23), 2033rd mtg.

Republic of Viet Nam: S C (31), 1972nd mtg.; S C (32), 2023rd mtg. 8 S C (27), 1659th mtg.

During the period under review the Council adopted 111 decisions by a vote in which one or more of the permanent members abstained. This illustrates that an abstention on the part of a permanent member does not prevent the adoption of decisions by the Council and thus does not preclude fulfilment of the requirement of Article 27 (3). In its advisory opinion of 21 June 1971 the International Court of Justice explicitly upheld the view that the practice of voluntary abstention by a permanent member did not constitute a bar to the adoption of resolutions.9 A list of certain instances in which the permanent members have abstained is appended in annex III.

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- THE QUESTION WHETHER THE ABSENCE OF A PER-MANENT MEMBER PRECLUDES FULFILMENT OF THE REQUIREMENT OF ARTICLE 27 (3) CONCERNING "THE CONCURRING VOTES OF THE PERMANENT MEMBERS"
- The question of the application of the proviso of Article 27 (3) regarding abstention from voting by a party to a dispute
- During the period under review, the question of the application of Article 27 (3) arose in connexion with the rejection of a draft resolution during the consideration of the situation in the Comoros in the Security Council. Following the vote on the draft resolution, 10 which failed of adoption owing to the negative vote of one permanent member, 11 a constitutional discussion ensued regarding the question whether or not France, due to its direct involvement in the situation on Mayotte and in the Comoros, was entitled to participate in the vote. Some representatives expressed the view that the provisions of Article 27 (3) ought to prevent France from participation in the vote, whereas others held that the past practice of the Security Council permitted French participation in the vote, unless otherwise decided by the Council.12
- During the Council's consideration of the relationship between the United Nations and South Africa in 1974, one representative proposed that the scope of Article 27 be clarified with a view to applying its provisions in relation to Chapter VII of the Charter; he suggested that, if States had given substantial diplomatic, political and military support to another State, such States might be considered as having become a party to the dispute involving that State and Article 27 of the Charter Company of the property of the company of the compa would be applicable to them.13

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91CJ, Reports 1971, p. 22: Legal consequences for States of the continued presence of South Africa in Namibia (South West Africa) notwithstanding Security Council resolution 276 (1970). See also the affirmation of this viewpoint in the separate opinions of Judge Padilla Nervo, *ibid.*, p. 117; Judge Dillard, *ibid.*, pp. 153-154; and Judge de Castro, *ibid.*, pp. 185-186.

10 S C (31), Suppl. for Jan.-March, 1976, S/11967. The draft resolution was sponsored by Benin, Guyana, Libyan Arab Republic, Panama and the United Republic of Tanzania and introduced by the representations.

tative of the United Republic of Tanzania at the 1888th meeting on

6 February 1976.

11 The vote was 11 votes in favour, 1 against (France) and 3 absten-

The vote was 11 votes in favour, 1 against (France) and 3 abstentions. See S C (31), 1888th mtg., para 247.

12 For the texts of relevant statements, see. S C (31), 1888th mtg.: Benin, paras. 264, 274; France, paras. 249, 270, Libyan Arab Republic, para. 268; Panama, paras. 276, 283; President (United States), paras. 292, 313; United Republic of Tanzania, paras. 299-309.

13 S C (29), 1801st mtg.: Madagascar, para. 4.

ANNEX I

Cases in which the vote indicated the procedural character of the matter

Decisions arranged in chronological order (with indication as to the nature of the question involved)	Document reference for vote
Decision of 10 October 1970: Motion by Zambia to suspend the meeting: Admission of new members	S C (25), 1554th mtg.
Decision of 10 August 1972: Inclusion in the agenda: Admission of new members	S C (27), 1658th mtg.
Decision of 24 August 1972: Motion by Sudan to postpone consideration of the matter: Admission of new members. Decision of 4 December 1975:	S C (27), 1659th mtg.
Proposal neither under rule 37 nor rule 39 to invite the representative of the PLO to participate in the debate with the same rights of participation as were conferred on a Member State invited under rule 37 of the provisional rules of procedure: The situation in the Middle East	S C (30), 1859th mtg.
Decision of 12 January 1976: Proposal neither under rule 37 nor rule 39 to invite the representative of the PLO to participate in the debate with the same rights of participation as were conferred on a Member State invited under rule 37 of the provisional rules of procedure: The Middle East problem including the Palestinian question	S C (31), 1870th mtg.
Decision of 22 March 1976: Proposal neither under rule 37 nor rule 39 to invite the representative of the PLO to participate in the debate with the same rights of participation as were conferred on a Member State invited under rule 37 of the provisional rules of procedure: The serious situation arising from recent developments in the occupied Arab territories	S C (31), 1893rd mtg.
Decision of 4 May 1976: Proposal neither under rule 37 nor rule 39 to invite the representative of the PLO to participate in the debate with the same rights of participation as were conferred on a Member State invited under rule 37 of the provisional rules of procedure: The situation in the occupied Arab territories	S C (31), 1916th mtg.
Decision of 9 June 1976: Proposal neither under rule 37 nor rule 39 to invite the representative of the PLO to participate in the debate with the same rights of participation as were conferred on a Member State invited under rule 37 of the provisional rules of procedure: The question of the exercise by the Palestinian people of its inalienable rights	S C (31), 1924th mtg.
Decision of 1 November 1976: Proposal neither under rule 37 nor rule 39 to invite the representative of the PLO to participate in the debate with the same rights of participation as were conferred on a Member State invited under rule 37 of the provisional rules of procedure: The situation in the occupied Arab territories	S C (31), 1966th mtg.
Decision of 25 March 1977: Proposal neither under rule 37 nor rule 39 to invite the representative of the PLO to participate in the debate with the same rights of participation as were conferred on a Member State invited under rule 37 of the provisional rules of procedure: The situation in the Middle East	S C (32), 1993rd mtg.
Decision of 27 October 1977: Proposal neither under rule 37 nor rule 39 to invite the representative of the PLO to participate in the debate with the same rights of participation as were conferred on a Member State invited under rule 37 of the provisional rules of procedure: The question of the exercise by the Palestinian people of its inalienable rights	S C (32), 2041st mtg.
Decisions of 17 March 1978: Proposal neither under rule 37 nor rule 39 to invite the representative of the PLO to participate in the debate with the same rights of participation as were conferred on a Member State invited under rule 37 of the provisional rules of procedure: The situation in the Middle East	S C (33), 2071st mtg.
Proposal that the representative of the PLO be seated at the Council table for the duration of the discussion of the item before the Council	S C (33), 2071st mtg.
Decision of 19 September 1978: Proposal neither under rule 37 nor rule 39 to invite the representative of the PLO to participate in the debate with the same rights of participation as were conferred on a Member State invited under rule 37 of the provi-	
sional rules of procedure: The situation in the Middle East	S C (33), 2086th mtg.

ANNEX II

Cases in which the vote indicated the non-procedural character of the matter

Draft resolutions arranged under agendu items (with document reference for text)	Date	Document reference for vote
The situation in the India/Pakistan subcontinent Draft resolution submitted by the United States (S C (26), Suppl. for OctDec., 1971, S/10416)	4 December 1971	S C (26), 1606th mtg.
Draft resolution submitted by Argentina, Belgium, Burundi, Italy, Japan, Nicaragua, Sierra Leone and Somaha (S C (26), Suppl. for OctDec., 1971, S/10423) Draft resolution submitted by the United States (S C (26),	5 December 1971	S C (26), 1607th mtg.
Suppl. for OctDec., 1971, S/10446/Rev.1)	13 December 1971	S C (26), 1613th mtg.
The situation in Southern Rhodesia Draft resolution submitted by Burundi, Nepal, Sierra Leone and Zambia (S C (25), Suppl. for JanMar., 1970, S/9696 and Corr.1 and 2)	17 March 1970	S C (25), 1534th mtg
Draft resolution submitted by Burundi, Nepal, Sierra Leone, Syria and Zambia (S C (25), Suppl. for Oct Dec., 1970, S/9976)	10 November 1970	S C (25), 1556th mtg.
Draft resolution submitted by Burundi, Sierra Leone, Somalia and Syrian Arab Republic (S C (26), Suppl. for OctDec., 1971, S/10489)	30 December 1971	S C (26), 1623rd mtg.
Draft resolution submitted by Guinea, Somalia and the Sudan (S C (27), Suppl. for JanMar., 1972, S/10606)	4 February 1972	S C (27), 1639th mtg.
Draft resolution submitted by Guinea, Somaha and Sudan (S C (27), Suppl. for July-Sept., 1972, S/10805/Rev.1, para. I, para. 5 and as a whole)	29 September 1972	S C (27), 1666th mtg.
Draft resolution submitted by Guinea, Kenya and Sudan (S C (28), Suppl. for April-June, 1973, S/10928)	22 May 1973	S C (28), 1716th mtg.
Questions relating to the Middle East		
Second paragraph of the amendment to draft resolution sponsored by Guinea, Somalia and Yugoslavia submitted by Belgium, France, Italy and the United Kingdom (S C (27), Suppl. for July-Sept., 1972, S/10786)	10 September 1972	S C (27), 1662nd mtg.
Draft resolution submitted by Guinea, Somalıa and Yugoslavia (S C (27), Suppl. for July-Sept., 1972, S/10784).	10 September 1972	S C (27), 1662nd mtg.
Draft resolution submitted by Guinea, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Panama, Peru, the Sudan and Yugoslavia (S C (28), Suppl. for July-Sept., 1973, S/10974)	26 July 1973	S C (28), 1735th mtg.
Draft resolution submitted by Guyana, Iraq, Mauritania, United Republic of Cameroon and United Republic of Tanzania (S C (30), Suppl. for OctDec., 1975,		
S/11898) Draft resolution submitted by Benin, Guyana, Pakistan, Panama, Romania and United Republic of Tanzania	8 December 1975	S C (30), 1862nd mtg.
(S C (31), Suppl. for JanMarch, 1976, S/11940) Draft resolution submitted by Benin, Guyana, Pakıstan, Panama and the United Republic of Tanzania (S C (31),	26 January 1976	S C (31), 1879th mtg.
Suppl. for JanMarch, 1976, S/12022) Draft resolution submitted by Guyana, Pakistan, Panama and United Republic of Tanzania (S C (31), Suppl. for	25 March 1976	S C (31), 1899th mtg.
April-June, 1976, S/12119)	29 June 1976	S C (31), 1938th mtg.
Meetings of the Security Council held in Panama City Draft resolution submitted by Guinea, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Panama, Peru, Sudan and Yugoslavia (S C (28), Suppl. for JanMarch, 1973, S/10931/Rev.1)	21 March 1973	S C (28), 1704th mtg.
Admission of new members		
Draft resolution submitted by India, USSR, United Kingdom and Yugoslavia (S C (27), Suppl. for July-Sept., 1972, S/10771)	25 August 1972	S C (27), 1660th mtg.
Draft resolution submitted by Byelorussian SSR, China, Guyana, Iraq, Mauritania, Sweden, USSR, United Republic of Cameroon and United Republic of Tan-		
zania (S C (30), Suppl. for July-Sept., 1975, S/11795) Draft resolution submitted by Byelorussian SSR, China, Guyana, Iraq, Mauritania, Sweden, USSR, United	11 August 1975	S C (30), 1836th mtg.
Republic of Cameroon and United Republic of Tanzania (S C (30), Suppl. for July-Sept., 1975, S/11796)	11 August 1975	S C (30), 1836th mtg.

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Draft resolution submitted by Byelorussian SSR, China, Guyana, Iraq, Mauritania, Sweden, USSR, United Republic of Cameroon and United Republic of Tanzania (S C (30), Suppl. for July-Sept., 1975, S/11832)	30 September 1975	S C (30), 1846th mtg.
Draft resolution submitted by Byelorussian SSR, China, Guyana, Iraq, Mauritania, Sweden, USSR, United Republic of Cameroon and United Republic of Tanzania (S C (30), Suppl. for July-Sept., 1975, S/11833)	30 September 1975	S C (30), 1846th mtg.
Draft resolution submitted by Benin, Guyana, Libyan Arab Republic, Romania, USSR and United Republic of Tanzania (S C (31), Suppl. for April-June, 1976, S/12110)	23 June 1976	S C (31), 1932nd mtg.
Draft resolution submitted by Benin, China, France, Guyana, Libyan Arab Republic, Pakistan, Panama, Romania, Sweden, USSR and United Republic of Tanzania (S C (31), Suppl. for OctDec., 1976, S/12226)	15 November 1976	S C (31), 1972nd mtg.
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The situation in Cyprus Draft resolution elaborated in consultations and read out by the President, as amended by the USSR (S C (29), Suppl. for July-Sept., 1974, S/11400	31 July 1974	S C (29), 1788th mtg.
Relationship between the United Nations and South Africa Draft resolution submitted by Iraq, Kenya, Mauritania		
and United Republic of Cameroon (S C (29), Suppl. for OctDec., 1974, S/11543)	30 October 1974	S C (29), 1808th mtg.
The situation in Namibia Draft resolution submitted by Guyana, Iraq, Mauritania, United Republic of Cameroon and United Republic of Tanzania (S C (30), Suppl. for April-June, 1975, S/11713)		S C (30), 1829th mtg.
Draft resolution submitted by Benin, Guyana, Libyan Arab Republic, Pakistan, Panama, Romania and United Republic of Tanzania (S C (31), Suppl. for Oct		
Dec., 1976, S/12211)	19 October 1970	S C (31), 1963rd mtg.
The situation in the Comoros Draft resolution submitted by Benin, Guyana, Libyan Arab Republic, Panama and United Republic of Tan- zania (S C (31), Suppl. for JanMarch, 1976, S/11967)		S C (31), 1888th mtg.
The Question of South Africa		
Draft resolution submitted by Benin, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and Mauritius (S C (32), Suppl. for Oct Dec., 1977, S/12310/Rev.1)		S C (32), 2045th mtg.
Draft resolution submitted by Benin, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and Mauritius (S C (32), Suppl. for Oct		
Dec., 1977, S/12311/Rev.1)		S C (32), 2045th mtg.
Dec., 1977, S/12312/Rev.1)	31 October 1977	S C (32), 2045th mtg.
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The situation in Namibia		
Decision of 30 January 1970 (1529th mtg.): Draft resolution submitted by Burundi, Finland, Nep Zambia (S C (25), Suppl. for JanMarch, 1970, S text as S C resolution 276 (1970)	/9620/Rev.1). Same	S C (25), 1529th mtg.
Decision of 29 July 1970 (1550th mtg.): Draft resolution submitted by Burundi, Finland, Nep Zambia (S C (25), Suppl. for July-Sept., 1970, S	al, Sierra Leone and /9891). S C resolu-	
tion 283 (1970)	perative paragraph I	S C (25), 1550th mtg.
Sept., 1970, S/9892)		S C (25), 1550th mtg.

Decisions arranged under agenda item (with document reference for text)

Document reference for vote

Draft resolution submitted by Fınland (S C (25), Suppl. for July-Sept., 1970, S/9892). S C resolution 284 (1970)	S C (25), 1550th mtg.
Draft resolution submitted by Burundi, Sierra Leone, Somalia and the Syrian Arab Republic (S C (26), Suppl. for OctDec., 1971, S/10372/Rev.1, as amended). S C resolution 301 (1971)	S C (36) 1509th mta
Decision of 4 February 1972 (1638th mtg.): Draft resolution submitted by Guinea, Somalia, Sudan and Yugoslavia	S C (26), 1598th mtg.
(S C (27), Suppl. for JanMarch, 1972, S/10608/Rev.1). S C resolution 310 (1972)	S C (27), 1638th mtg.
Draft resolution submitted by Argentina, as modified (S C (27), Suppl. for OctDec., 1972, S/10846). S C resolution 323 (1972)	S C (27), 1682nd mtg.
Decision of 27 July 1978 (2082nd mtg.): Draft resolution. S C resolution 431 (1978)	S C (33), 2082nd mtg.
Decision of 29 September 1978 (2087th mtg.): Draft resolution submitted by Canada, France, Gabon, the Federal Republic of Germany, Mauritius, Nigeria, United Kingdom and United States. S C resolution 435 (1978)	S C (33), 2087th mtg.
Decision of 13 November 1978 (2098th mtg.): Draft resolution submitted by Gabon, India, Kuwait and Nigeria. S C resolution 439 (1978)	S C (33), 2098th mtg.
Situation in the Middle East	
Decisions of 12 May 1970 (1537th mtg.): Amendment submitted by the United States to the draft resolution submitted by Spain (S C (25), Suppl. for April-June, 1970, S/9800)	S C (25), 1537th mtg.
Sub-amendment to the United States amendment submitted by the USSR (S C (25), Suppl. for April-June, 1970, S/9800)	S C (25), 1537th mtg.
Decision of 19 May 1970 (1542nd mtg.): Draft resolution submitted by Zambia (S C (25), Suppl. for April-June, 1970, S/9807). S C resolution 280 (1970)	S C (25), 1542nd mtg.
Decision of 5 September 1970 (1551st mtg.): Draft resolution submitted by Spain (S C (25), Suppl. for July-Sept., 1970, S/9928). S C resolution 285 (1970)	S C (25), 1551st mtg.
Decisions of 25 September 1971 (1582nd mtg.): First amendment of Syria to draft resolution submitted by Somalia (S C (26), Suppl. for July-Sept., 1971, S/10338/Rev.1)	S C (26), 1582nd mtg.
Paragraph 5 of draft resolution submitted by Somalia (S C (26), Suppl. for July-Sept., 1971, S/10337)	S C (26), 1582nd mtg.
Decision of 27 February 1972 (1644th mtg.): Preambular paragraph of the draft resolution submitted by Belgium, France, Italy and United Kingdom (S C (27), Suppl. for JanMarch, 1972, S/10552)	S C (27), 1644th mtg.
Decision of 26 June 1972 (1650th mtg.): Draft resolution submitted by Belgium, France and United Kingdom	(2.,,,
(S C (27), Suppl. for April-June, 1972, S/10722). S C resolution 316 (1972) Decision of 21 July 1972 (1653rd mtg.):	S C (27), 1650th mtg.
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the PLO to participate in the debate with the same rights of participation in the debate as were conferred on a Member State invited under rule 37 of the provisional rules of procedure	S C (32), 1993rd mtg
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tion 438 (1978)	S C (33), 2091st mtg.
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Draft resolution submitted by Burundi, Nepal, Sierra Leone, Syria and Zambia (S C (25), Suppl. for OctDec., 1970, S/9976)	S C (25), 1556th mtg.
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Operative paragraph 3 of draft resolution submitted by Burundi, Sierra Leone, Somalia and the Syrian Arab Republic (S C (26), Suppl. for OctDec., 1971, S/10489)	S C (26), 1623rd mtg.
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Decisions of 28 February 1972 (1645th mtg.): Operative paragraph 1 of draft resolution submitted by Guinea, Somalia and Sudan (S C (27), Suppl. for JanMarch, 1972, S/10541/Rev.1 and Corr.1)	S C (27), 1645th mtg.
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Decision of 28 July 1972 (1655th mtg.): Draft resolution submitted by Guinea, Somalia and Sudan (S C (27), Suppl. for July-Sept., 1972, S/10747). S C resolution 318 (1972)	S C (27), 1655th mtg.
Decisions of 29 September 1972 (1666th mtg.): Draft resolution submitted by Guinea, Somalia and Sudan (S C (27), Suppl. for July-Sept., 1972, S/10804/Rev.1). S C resolution 320 (1972)	S C (27), 1666th mtg.
Paragraph 1 of draft resolution submitted by Guinea, Somalia and Sudan (S C (27), Suppl. for July-Sept., 1972, S/10805/Rev.1)	S C (27), 1666th mtg.
Paragraph 5 of draft resolution submitted by Guinea, Somalia and Sudan (S C (27), Suppl. for July-Sept., 1972, S/10805/Rev.1)	S C (27), 1666th mtg.
Draft resolution submitted by Guinea, Somalia and Sudan (S C (27), Suppl. for July-Sept., 1972, S/10805/Rev.1)	S C (27), 1666th mtg.
Decisions of 22 May 1973 (1716th mtg.): Draft resolution submitted by Guinea, Kenya and Sudan (S C (28), Suppl. for April-June, 1973, S/10927). S C resolution 333 (1973)	S C (28), 1716th mtg.
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Decision of 14 March 1978 (2067th mtg.): Draft resolution submitted by Bolivia, Gabon, India, Kuwait, Mauritius, Nigeria and Venezuela (S C (33), Suppl. for JanMarch, 1978, S/12597).	
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Draft resolution submitted by Burundi, Nepal, Sierra Leone, Syria and Zambia (S C (25), Suppl. for July-Sept., 1970, S/9882/Rev.2). S C resolution 282 (1970)	S C (25), 1549th mtg.
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tion 311 (1972)	S C (27), 1639th mtg.
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Decision of 24 August 1972 (1659th mtg.): Motion by Sudan to postpone consideration of the matter	S C (27), 1659th mtg.
Decisions of 25 August 1972 (1660th mtg.): Draft resolution submitted by China (S C (27), Suppl. for July-Sept., 1972, S/10768)	S C (27), 1660th mtg.
Amendment submitted by Guinea, Somalia and Sudan to the draft resolu- tion submitted by India, USSR, United Kingdom and Yugoslavia (S C (27), Suppl. for July-Sept., 1972, S/10775, S/10771)	S C (27), 1660th mtg.

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Complaint by Senegal Decison of 15 July 1971 (1572nd mtg.): Draft resolution submitted by Burundi, Japan, Sierra Leone, Somalia and the Syrian Arab Republic (S C (26), Suppl. for July-Sept., 1971, S/10266). S C resolution 294 (1971)	S C (26), 1572nd mtg.
Decision of 24 November 1971 (1601st mtg.): Draft resolution submitted by Burundi, Sterra Leone and Somalia (S C (26),	* J
Suppl. for OctDec., 1971, S/10395, as amended). S C resolution 302 (1971)	S C (26), 1572nd mtg.
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Draft resolution submitted by Guinea, Somalia and Sudan (S C (27), Suppl. for OctDec., 1972, S/10813/Rev.1). S C resolution 321 (1972)	S C (27), 1669th mtg.
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S/10418) Draft resolution submitted by Argentina, Belgium, Burundi, Italy, Japan, Nicaragua, Sierra Leone and Somalia (S C (26), Suppl. for OctDec.,	S C (26), 1607th mtg.
1971, S/10423)	S C (27), 1607th mtg.
Draft resolution submitted by Argentina, Burundi, Japan, Nicaragua, Sierra Leone and Somalia (S C (26), Suppl. for OctDec., 1971, S/10429). S C resolution 303 (1971)	S C (26), 1608th mtg.
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Draft resolution submitted by Guinea, Somalia and Sudan (S C (27), Suppl. for JanMarch, 1972, S/10607/Rev.1). S C resolution 312 (1972)	S C (27), 1639th mtg.
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Decision of 29 May 1974 (1771st mtg.): Draft resolution (S C (29), Suppl. for April-June, 1974, S/11301). S C resolu-	-
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tion 355 (1974)	S C (29), 1789th mtg.
Draft resolution submitted by France (S C (29), Suppl. for July-Sept., 1974, S/11450/Rev.2). S C resolution 360 (1974)	S C (29), 1794th mtg.
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Decision of 10 March 1973 (1694th mtg.): Draft resolution submitted by Guinea, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Panama, Peru, Sudan and Yugoslavia (S C (28), Suppl. for JanMarch, 1973,	
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Peru, Sudan and Yugoslavia (S C (28), Suppl. for JanMarch, 1973, S/10931/Rev.1)	S C (28), 1704th mtg.
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and United Republic of Tanzania (S C (31), Suppl. for JanMarch, 1976, S/11940)	
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Draft resolution submitted by Guyana and United Republic of Tanzania (S C (31), Suppl. for April-June, 1976, S/12056). S C resolution 389 (1976)	S C (31), 1913th mtg.
Complaint by Kenya, on behalf of the African Group of States at the United Nations, concerning an act of aggression committed by South Africa against the People's Republic of Angola	
Decision of 31 March 1976 (1906th mtg.): Draft resolution submitted by Benin, Guyana, Libyan Arab Republic, Panama, Romania and United Republic of Tanzania (S C (31), Suppl. for JanMarch, 1976, S/12030). S C resolution 387 (1976)	
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Proposal neither under rule 37 nor rule 39 to invite the representative of	
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Pakistan, Panama, Romania and United Republic of Tanzania (S C (31),	S.C.(21) 1040sh
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tius, Pakistan, Panama, Romania and Venezuela (S C (32), Suppl. for	
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