

ARTICLE 27

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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. The present 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 Statute of the Court. Certain problems of procedure relating to voting are treated under Article 30.
2. The material included in the summary of practice relates to the question of the distinction between "procedural matters" and "all other matters" under Article 27; of the fulfilment of the requirement of Article 27(3) concerning "the concurring votes of the permanent members"; and of the application of the proviso of Article 27(3) regarding abstention from voting by a party to a dispute. The material also deals with the consideration by the General Assembly of the requirement of Article 27(3) concerning the concurring votes of the permanent members. No evidence bearing on the question of the procedure of the Security Council in deciding whether a matter is procedural within the meaning of Article 27 was found during the period under review.
3. The summary of practice documents the continued development of the practice of taking decisions by means other than a formal vote in the course of a meeting of the Security Council, 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 or did not participate 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 continued to resort to methods of reaching a decision other than by voting. In two instances, the President recorded that a resolution was adopted by consensus.¹ On occasion, a Presidential statement was placed on record² or issued as a Security Council document³ setting out the action to be taken or expressing the consensus of the members of the

Council relating to the matter under consideration. At other times, a decision was taken or agreement was reached in the form of a note, in the absence of objection.⁴ During the period under review, 165 affirmative or negative decisions were taken by vote, while another 101 decisions were approved without a vote.⁵ Statements of consensus occasionally indicated that a member of the Council had dissociated itself from the matter.⁶

¹ S C resolution 455 (1979), adopted at the 2171st mtg; 504 (1982), adopted at the 2358th mtg.

² See, for example, S/13043, incorporated in the record of the 2113th mtg.; S/14271, incorporated in the record of the 2256th mtg; S/14944, incorporated in the record of the 2345th mtg.

³ See, for example, S/13629, issued on 14 November 1979; S/14244, issued on 5 November 1980; S/15444, issued on 4 October 1982.

⁴ See, for example, S/13426; S/14116; S/15359.

⁵ The figures do not include decisions on procedural matters, when no vote was taken, on the adoption of the agenda, on adjournment and on invitation to participate in the debate under rule 37 or rule 39 of the provisional rules of procedure.

⁶ See for example S/13039, S/13362, S/13382, S/13480, S/13497, S/13500, S/13666, S/13917 and S/14309.

6. When decisions are to be taken by vote, the voting in the Security Council has customarily been by show of hands, the President asking for those in favour, those against and those abstaining. In the record of votes, members were identified as not participating in the voting.⁷ In elections, the voting has been conducted by secret ballot.⁸

A. Question of the distinction between “procedural matters” and “all other matters”

7. This section reviews Security Council decisions that 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 regarded the character of the matter voted upon as procedural or non-procedural. Thus there is no way to determine the nature of the matter when the required majority of votes is obtained including the affirmative votes or abstentions of all permanent members, or when a proposal fails to obtain the required majority.

9. 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 8 above were recorded:

(a) 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 procedure.⁹

⁷ S C (34), 2113th mtg., China; 2145th mtg., China; 2149th mtg., China; 2150th mtg., China; 2174th mtg., China; 2179th mtg., China; 2180th mtg., China; 2191st mtg., China; S C (35), 2196th mtg., United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; 2224th mtg., China; 2230th mtg., China; 2232nd mtg., China; 2256th mtg., China; 2257th mtg., China; 2258th mtg., China; S C (36), 2278th mtg., China; 2279th mtg., China; 2289th mtg., China; 2311th mtg., China; S C (37), 2385th mtg., United States of America.

⁸ In the secret ballots in connection with the election of the Secretary-General, ballots were used which enabled the tellers to distinguish between the votes of the permanent and non-permanent members.

⁹ S C (34), 2113th, 2123rd, 2146th, 2155th, 2156th, 2164th and 2180th mtgs.; S C (35), 2199th, 2204th, 2213th, 2221st, 2222nd, 2226th, 2233rd, 2245th and 2259th mtgs.; S C (36), 2280th, 2292nd and 2322nd, S C (37), 2331st, 2334th, 2352nd, 2374th, 2379th, 2400th and 2401st mtgs.; S C (39), 2540th mtg.

(b) Convocation of an emergency special session of the General Assembly.¹⁰

****B. Question of procedure in deciding the preliminary question: whether a matter is procedural within the meaning of Article 27**

C. Question of the fulfilment of the requirement of Article 27(3) regarding “the concurring votes of the permanent members”

1. QUESTION WHETHER THE ABSTENTION OR NON-PARTICIPATION OF A PERMANENT MEMBER PRECLUDES FULFILMENT OF THE REQUIREMENT OF ARTICLE 27(3) CONCERNING “THE CONCURRING VOTES OF THE PERMANENT MEMBERS”

10. During the period under review, the Security Council adopted 77 decisions by a vote in which one or more of the permanent members abstained.¹¹ This illustrates that the abstention 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). A list of instances in which the permanent members abstained is contained in annex III to the present study.

2. QUESTION WHETHER THE ABSENCE OR NON-PARTICIPATION OF A PERMANENT MEMBER PRECLUDES FULFILMENT OF THE REQUIREMENT OF ARTICLE 27(3) CONCERNING “THE CONCURRING VOTES OF THE PERMANENT MEMBERS”

11. During the period under review the Council adopted 18 decisions in which a permanent member did not participate in the vote.¹² This illustrates that the non-participation 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). A list of instances in which the permanent members did not participate is also contained in annex III to the present study.

D. Consideration by the General Assembly of the requirement of Article 27(3) concerning “the concurring votes of the permanent members”

12. During the thirty-seventh session, the Sixth Committee of the General Assembly considered a draft resolution¹³ on the report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization which contained an implicit reference to Arti-

¹⁰ S C (35), 2190th mtg., S C resolution 462 (1980).

¹¹ Of those decisions, five involved instances in which another permanent member did not participate in the vote.

¹² Including the decisions in footnote 11 above.

¹³ The draft resolution (A/C.6/37/L.5/Rev.1) was sponsored by Benin, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Mali and Mauritania and, following a motion by Australia, was not put to the vote.

cle 27(3) but which, following a motion, was not put to the vote.¹⁴ Under the draft text, the Assembly would have, *inter alia*, decided that “the Special Committee [should] examine the possibility of eliminating the adverse effects for the maintenance of international peace and security arising out of the abuse of the rule of unanimity, taking into account ... the need to ensure that the rule of unanimity is not resorted to on matters relating to the inalienable rights of peoples struggling for self-determination, against colonialism, apartheid, foreign domination, intervention, aggression and occupation”.¹⁵ Similar provisions were included in draft resolutions¹⁶ that were considered by the Sixth Committee in subsequent years, but were not put to the vote following motions to that effect.¹⁷

13. At its sessions held from 1979 through 1984, in accordance with the mandate given to it under resolutions 33/94,¹⁸ 34/147,¹⁹ 35/164,²⁰ 36/122,²¹ 37/114²² and 38/141,²³ the Special Committee on the Charter examined several proposals on the question of the maintenance of international peace and security, some of which contained explicit references to Article 27 or touched upon its provisions.²⁴

E. Question of the application of the proviso of Article 27(3) regarding abstention from voting by a party to a dispute

14. During the period under review, the question of the application of the proviso of Article 27(3) regarding abstention from voting by a party to a dispute arose in the Security Council in four instances: in connection with the situation in the Middle East; in connection with the situation in the region of the Falkland Islands (Islas Malvinas); in connection with the situation between Iran and Iraq; and in connection with the complaint by the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

¹⁴ For more details on the proceedings of the Sixth Committee regarding the draft resolution, see G A (37), Annexes, a.i. 127.

¹⁵ Para. 3(a).

¹⁶ Draft resolution A/C.6/38/L.14/Rev.1 was sponsored by Benin, the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and, following a motion by the Netherlands, was not put to the vote. Draft resolution A/C.6/39/L.4 was sponsored by the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and, following a motion by France (speaking also on behalf of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland), was not put to the vote.

¹⁷ For more details on the proceedings of the Sixth Committee regarding the draft resolutions, see G A (38), Annexes, a.i. 134, and G A (39), Annexes, a.i. 133.

¹⁸ Para. 3(b).

¹⁹ Para. 3(a).

²⁰ Para. 3(a).

²¹ Para. 4(a).

²² Para. 5(a).

²³ Para. 3(a).

²⁴ In particular, see G A (36), Suppl. No. 33, paras. 127-171; G A (37), Suppl. No. 33, paras. 188, 216-250; G A (38), Suppl. No. 33, paras. 24, 45-74.

15. At the 2147th meeting of the Security Council, on 12 June 1979, in connection with the situation in the Middle East, the representative of Israel stated that under Article 27(3) of the Charter, Kuwait was bound to refrain from voting on any matter connected to the Arab-Israeli conflict — a dispute to which his country was party — unless it was proved that Kuwait was no longer a party to that conflict. No action ensued from that statement.²⁵

16. At the 2350th meeting, on 3 April 1982, in connection with the situation in the region of the Falkland Islands (Islas Malvinas),²⁶ the representative of Panama requested the President of the Security Council to make a ruling on whether a draft resolution submitted by the United Kingdom fell under Chapter VI or Chapter VII of the Charter, adding that in the case of the former, the United Kingdom, a party to the dispute under consideration, would have to refrain from voting under Article 27(3) of the Charter. The representative of the United Kingdom stated that the draft resolution under consideration related to a breach of the peace and had been proposed not under Chapter VI of the Charter, but under Article 40. The President announced that the matter before the Council fell under Chapter VII of the Charter and that accordingly the representative of the United Kingdom did have the right to vote.²⁷

17. In a statement enclosed in a note verbale²⁸ dated 4 October 1982 addressed to the Secretary-General, in connection with the situation in Iran and Iraq, the representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran cited Article 27(3) of the Charter, complaining that the Security Council, by unanimously adopting resolution 522 (1982) at its 2399th meeting, on 4 October 1982, had failed to require the representatives of Jordan and Egypt to abstain in the voting, when both countries were involved in the conflict, militarily and otherwise. He argued that that “constitutional flaw” had rendered the resolution invalid.

18. At the 2466th meeting of the Security Council, on 12 August 1983, in connection with the complaint by the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya,²⁹ the representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran argued that France and the United States of America should participate in the debate without the right to vote because of their involvement in the internal affairs of Chad. The President of the Council, speaking in his capacity as representative of France, reproved the Islamic Republic for making false accusations and no action was taken. No draft resolution was submitted.³⁰

²⁵ S/PV.2147, para. 81.

²⁶ The item was included in the agenda of the Security Council as “Letter dated 1 April 1982 from the Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council”.

²⁷ S/PV.2350, paras. 189-202.

²⁸ S/15448.

²⁹ The item was included in the agenda of the Security Council as “Letter dated 8 August 1983 from the Chargé d’affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council”.

³⁰ S/PV.2466, paras. 85-104.

ANNEX I

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

| <i>Decisions arranged in chronological order (with indication as to the nature of the question involved)</i> | <i>Document reference for vote</i> |
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| Decision of 19 January 1979: Proposal under neither rule 37 nor rule 39 to invite the representative of 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 procedure: The situation in the Middle East | S C (34), 2113 th mtg. |
| Decision of 9 March 1979: Proposal under neither 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 (34), 2123 rd mtg. |
| Decision of 31 May 1979: Proposal under neither 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 (34), 2146 th mtg. |
| Decision of 29 June 1979: Proposal under neither 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 (34), 2155 th mtg. |
| Decision of 18 July 1979: Proposal under neither 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 (34), 2156 th mtg. |
| Decision of 29 August 1979: Proposal under neither 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 (34), 2164 th mtg. |
| Decision of 19 December 1979: Proposal under neither 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 (34), 2180 th mtg. |
| Decision of 9 January 1980: Resolution 462 (1980) (draft resolution S/13731), sponsored by Mexico and the Philippines, in connection with the letter dated 3 January 1980 from 52 Member States, deciding to call an emergency special session of the General Assembly to examine the question regarding the situation in Afghanistan | S C (35), 2190 th mtg. |

- Decision of 22 February 1980: S C (35), 2199th mtg.
 Proposal under neither 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
- Decision of 31 March 1980: S C (35), 2204th mtg.
 Proposal under neither 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
- Decision of 14 April 1980: S C (35), 2213th mtg.
 Proposal under neither 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
- Decision of 8 May 1980: S C (35), 2221st mtg.
 Proposal under neither 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
- Decision of 20 May 1980: S C (35), 2222nd mtg.
 Proposal under neither 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
- Decision of 5 June 1980: S C (35), 2226th mtg.
 Proposal under neither 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
- Decision of 24 June 1980: S C (35), 2233rd mtg.
 Proposal under neither 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
- Decision of 20 August 1980: S C (35), 2245th mtg.
 Proposal under neither 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
- Decision of 19 December 1980: S C (35), 2259th mtg.
 Proposal under neither 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
- Decision of 12 June 1981: S C (36), 2280th mtg.
 Proposal under neither 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: Complaint by Iraq

- Decision of 17 July 1981: S C (36), 2292nd mtg.
Proposal under neither 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
- Decision of 6 January 1982: S C (37), 2322nd mtg.
Proposal under neither 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
- Decision of 23 February 1982: S C (37), 2331st mtg.
Proposal under neither 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
- Decision of 24 March 1982: S C (37), 2334th mtg.
Proposal under neither 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
- Decision of 13 April 1982: S C (37), 2352nd mtg.
Proposal under neither 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
- Decision of 5 June 1982: S C (37), 2374th mtg.
Proposal under neither 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
- Decision of 18 June 1982: S C (37), 2379th mtg.
Proposal under neither 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
- Decision of 18 October 1982: S C (37), 2400th mtg.
Proposal under neither 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
- Decision of 12 November 1982: S C (37), 2401st mtg.
Proposal under neither 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
- Decision of 21 May 1984: S C (39), 2540th mtg.
Proposal under neither 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

ANNEX II

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

| <i>Draft resolutions arranged under agenda items (with document reference for text)</i> | <i>Date</i> | <i>Document reference for vote</i> |
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| <i>Telegram dated 3 January 1979 from the Deputy Prime Minister in charge of Foreign Affairs of Democratic Kampuchea</i> | | |
| Draft resolution submitted by Bangladesh, Bolivia, Gabon, Jamaica, Kuwait, Nigeria and Zambia (S C (34), Suppl. for Jan.-March 1979, S/13027) | 15 January 1979 | S C (34), 2112 th mtg. |
| <i>The situation in South-East Asia and its implications for international peace and security</i> | | |
| Draft resolution submitted by Indonesia, Malaysia, Norway, Singapore and Thailand (S C (34), Suppl. for Jan.-March 1979, S/13162) | 16 March 1979 | S C (34), 2129 th mtg. |
| <i>Letter dated 3 January 1980 from 52 Member States regarding Afghanistan</i> | | |
| Draft resolution submitted by Bangladesh, Jamaica, the Niger, the Philippines, Tunisia and Zambia (S C (35), Suppl. for Jan.-March 1980, S/13729) | 7 January 1980 | S C (35), 2190 th mtg. |
| <i>Letter dated 25 November 1979 from the Secretary-General and letter dated 22 December 1979 from the representative of the United States of America</i> | | |
| Draft resolution submitted by the United States of America (S C (35), Suppl. for Jan.-March 1980, S/13735) | 13 January 1980 | S C (35), 2191 st mtg. |
| <i>Question concerning the Falkland Islands (Islas Malvinas)</i> | | |
| Draft resolution submitted by Panama and Spain (S C (37), Suppl. for April-June 1982, S/15156/Rev.2) | 4 June 1982 | S C (37), 2373 rd mtg. |
| <i>The situation in the Middle East</i> | | |
| Draft resolution submitted by Spain (S C (37), Suppl. for April-June 1982, S/15185) | 8 June 1982 | S C (37), 2377 th mtg. |
| Draft resolution submitted by France (S C (37), Suppl. for April-June 1982, S/15255/Rev.2) | 26 June 1982 | S C (37), 2381 st mtg. |
| Draft resolution submitted by the USSR (S C (37), Suppl. for July-Sept. 1982, S/15347/Rev.1) | 6 August 1982 | S C (37), 2391 st mtg. |
| Draft resolution submitted by France (S C (39), Suppl. for Jan.-March 1984, S/16351/Rev.2) | 29 February 1984 | S C (39), 2519 th mtg. |
| Draft resolution submitted by Lebanon (S C (39), Suppl. for July-Sept. 1984, S/16732) | 6 September 1984 | S C (39), 2556 th mtg. |
| <i>Question of the exercise by the Palestinian people of its inalienable rights</i> | | |
| Draft resolution submitted by Tunisia (S C (35), Suppl. for April-June 1980, S/13911) | 30 April 1980 | S C (35), 2220 th mtg. |
| <i>Situation in the occupied Arab territories</i> | | |
| Draft resolution submitted by Jordan (S C (37), Suppl. for Jan.-March 1982, S/14832/Rev.1) | 20 January 1982 | S C (37), 2329 th mtg. |

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| Draft resolution submitted by Jordan (S C (37), Suppl. for April-June 1982, S/14943) | 2 April 1982 | S C (37), 2348 th mtg. |
| Draft resolution submitted by Iraq, Jordan, Morocco and Uganda (S C (37), Suppl. for April-June 1982, S/14985) | 20 April 1982 | S C (37), 2357 th mtg. |
| Draft resolution submitted by Algeria, Bahrain, Democratic Yemen, Djibouti, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Mauritania, Morocco, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, the Sudan, the Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, the United Arab Emirates and Yemen (S C (38), Suppl. for July-Sept. 1983, S/15895) | 2 August 1983 | S C (38), 2461 st mtg. |
| <i>Situation in Namibia</i> | | |
| Draft resolution submitted by Mexico, the Niger, Panama, the Philippines, Tunisia and Uganda (S C (36), Suppl. for April-June 1981, S/14459) | 30 April 1981 | S C (36), 2277 th mtg. |
| Draft resolution submitted by the Niger, Tunisia and Uganda (S C (36), Suppl. for April-June 1981, S/14460/Rev.1) | 30 April 1981 | S C (36), 2277 th mtg. |
| Draft resolution submitted by the Niger, Tunisia and Uganda (S C (36), Suppl. for April-June 1981, S/14461) | 30 April 1981 | S C (36), 2277 th mtg. |
| Draft resolution submitted by the Niger, Tunisia and Uganda (S C (36), Suppl. for April-June 1981, S/14462) | 30 April 1981 | S C (36), 2277 th mtg. |
| <i>Complaint by Angola against South Africa</i> | | |
| Draft resolution submitted by Mexico, the Niger, Panama, the Philippines, Tunisia and Uganda (S C (36), Suppl. for July-Sept. 1981, S/14664/Rev.2) | 31 August 1981 | S C (36), 2300 th mtg. |
| <i>Letter dated 1 September 1983 from the representative of the United States of America; letter dated 1 September 1983 from the Permanent 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</i> | | |
| Draft resolution submitted by Australia, Belgium, Canada, Colombia, Fiji, France, Germany, Federal Republic of, Italy, Japan, Malaysia, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Paraguay, the Philippines, Thailand, the United Kingdom and the United States (S C (38), Suppl. for July-Sept. 1983, S/15966/Rev.1) | 12 September 1983 | S C (38), 2476 th mtg. |
| <i>Situation in Grenada</i> | | |
| Draft resolution submitted by Guyana, Nicaragua and Zimbabwe (S C (38), Suppl. for Oct.-Dec. 1983, S/16077/Rev.1) | 28 October 1983 | S C (38), 2491 st mtg. |
| <i>Letter dated 19 March 1982 from the representative of Nicaragua</i> | | |
| Draft resolution submitted by Panama and Guyana (S C (37), Suppl. for April-June 1982, S/14941) | 2 April 1982 | S C (37), 2347 th mtg. |
| <i>Letter dated 29 March 1984 from the representative of Nicaragua</i> | | |
| Draft resolution submitted by Nicaragua (S C (39), Suppl. for April-June 1984, S/16463) | 4 April 1984 | S C (39), 2529 th mtg. |

ANNEX III

**Cases in which permanent members abstained or did not participate
otherwise than in accordance with the proviso of Article 27(3)**

| <i>Decisions arranged under agenda item (with document reference for text)</i> | <i>Document reference for vote</i> |
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| <i>The situation in the Middle East</i> | |
| Decision of 19 January 1979 (2113 th mtg.): Draft resolution prepared during consultations among Council members (S C (34), Suppl. for Jan.-March 1979, S/13042). S C resolution 444 (1979) ^a | S C (34), 2113 th mtg. |
| Decision of 19 January 1979 (2113 th mtg.): Proposal under neither rule 37 nor rule 39 to invite the representative of 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 procedure | S C (34), 2113 th mtg. |
| Decision of 30 May 1979 (2145 th mtg.): Draft resolution prepared during consultations among Council members (S C (34), Suppl. for April-May 1979, S/13357). S C resolution 449 (1979) ^b | S C (34), 2145 th mtg. |
| Decision of 31 May 1979 (2146 th mtg.): Proposal under neither 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 | S C (34), 2146 th mtg. |
| Decision of 14 June 1979 (2149 th mtg.): Draft resolution prepared during consultations among Council members (S C (34), Suppl. for April-June 1979, S/13392). S C resolution 450 (1979) ^a | S C (34), 2149 th mtg. |
| Decision of 29 August 1979 (2164 th mtg.): Proposal under neither 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 | S C (34), 2164 th mtg. |
| Decision of 30 November 1979 (2174 th mtg.): Draft resolution prepared during consultations among Council members (S C (34), Suppl. for Oct.-Dec. 1979, S/13660). S C resolution 456 (1979) ^b | S C (34), 2174 th mtg. |
| Decision of 19 December 1979 (2180 th mtg.): Proposal under neither 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 | S C (34), 2180 th mtg. |
| Decision of 19 December 1979 (2180 th mtg.): Draft resolution prepared during consultations among Council members (S C (34), Suppl. for Oct.-Dec. 1979, S/13695). S C resolution 459 (1979) | S C (34), 2180 th mtg. |
| Decision of 14 April 1980 (2213 th mtg.): Proposal under neither 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 | S C (35), 2213 th mtg. |
| Decision of 24 April 1980 (2218 th mtg.): Draft resolution prepared during consultations among Council members (S C (35), Suppl. for April-June 1980, S/13905). S C resolution 467 (1980) | S C (35), 2218 th mtg. |

^a One permanent member abstained and another permanent member did not participate in the vote.

^b One permanent member did not participate in the vote.

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| Decision of 30 May 1980 (2224 th mtg.): Draft resolution prepared during consultations among Council members (S C (35), Suppl. for April-June 1980, S/13976). S C resolution 470 (1980) ^b | S C (35), 2224 th mtg. |
| Decision of 17 June 1980 (2232 nd mtg.): Draft resolution prepared during consultations among Council members (S C (35), Suppl. for April-June 1980, S/14001). S C resolution 474 (1980) ^a | S C (35), 2232 nd mtg. |
| Decision of 24 June 1980 (2233 rd mtg.): Proposal under neither 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 | S C (35), 2233 rd mtg. |
| Decision of 30 June 1980 (2242 nd mtg.): Draft resolution submitted by Algeria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Chad, Democratic Yemen, Djibouti, Egypt, Gabon, the Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Indonesia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Maldives, Mali, Malaysia, Mauritania, Morocco, the Niger, Oman, Pakistan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Somalia, the Sudan, the Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, the United Arab Emirates, the United Republic of Cameroon, Upper Volta and Yemen (S C (35), Suppl. for April-June 1980, S/14031). S C resolution 476 (1980) | S C (35), 2242 nd mtg. |
| Decision of 20 August 1980 (2245 th mtg.): Proposal under neither 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 | S C (35), 2245 th mtg. |
| Decision of 20 August 1980 (2245 th mtg.): Draft resolution prepared during consultations among Council members (S C (35), Suppl. for July-Sept. 1980, S/14113). S C resolution 478 (1980) | S C (35), 2245 th mtg. |
| Decision of 26 November 1980 (2256 th mtg.): Draft resolution prepared during consultations among Council members (S C (35), Suppl. for Oct.-Dec. 1980, S/14269). S C resolution 481 (1980) ^b | S C (35), 2256 th mtg. |
| Decision of 17 December 1980 (2258 th mtg.): Draft resolution prepared during consultations among Council members (S C (35), Suppl. for Oct.-Dec. 1980, S/14298). S C resolution 483 (1980) ^a | S C (35), 2258 th mtg. |
| Decision of 22 May 1981 (2278 th mtg.): Draft resolution prepared during consultations among Council members (S C (36), Suppl. for April-June. 1981, S/14484). S C resolution 485 (1981) ^b | S C (36), 2278 th mtg. |
| Decision of 19 June 1981 (2289 th mtg.): Draft resolution prepared during consultations among Council members (S C (36), Suppl. for April-June 1981, S/14557). S C resolution 488 (1981) ^a | S C (36), 2289 th mtg. |
| Decision of 17 July 1981 (2292 nd mtg.): Proposal under neither 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 | S C (36), 2292 nd mtg. |
| Decision of 23 November 1981 (2311 th mtg.): Draft resolution prepared during consultations among Council members (S C (36), Suppl. for Oct.-Dec. 1981, S/14761). S C resolution 493 (1981) ^b | S C (36), 2311 th mtg. |
| Decision of 18 December 1981 (2320 th mtg.): Draft resolution prepared during consultations among Council members (S C (36), Suppl. for Oct.-Dec. 1981, S/14803). S C resolution 498 (1981) | S C (36), 2320 th mtg. |

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| Decision of 23 February 1982 (2331 st mtg.): Proposal under neither 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 | S C (37), 2331 st mtg. |
| Decision of 25 February 1982 (2332 nd mtg.): Draft resolution prepared during consultations among Council members (S C (37), Suppl. for Jan.-March 1982, S/14890). S C resolution 501 (1982) | S C (37), 2332 nd mtg. |
| Decision of 5 June 1982 (2374 th mtg.): Proposal under neither 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 | S C (37), 2374 th mtg. |
| Decision of 18 June 1982 (2379 th mtg.): Proposal under neither 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 | S C (37), 2379 th mtg. |
| Decision of 18 June 1982 (2379 th mtg.): Draft resolution prepared during consultations among Council members (S C (37), Suppl. for April-June 1982, S/15235). S C resolution 511 (1982) | S C (37), 2379 th mtg. |
| Decision of 29 July 1982 (2385 th mtg.): Oral proposal to suspend the meeting made by the United States (S C (37), Suppl. for July-Sept. 1982), which failed, not having gained the required majority of votes | S C (37), 2385 th mtg. |
| Decision of 29 July 1982 (2385 th mtg.): Draft resolution submitted by Spain (S C (37), Suppl. for July-Sept. 1982, S/15325). S C resolution 515 (1982) ^b | S C (37), 2385 th mtg. |
| Decision of 4 August 1982 (2389 th mtg.): Draft resolution submitted by Jordan and Spain (S C (37), Suppl. for July-Sept. 1982, S/15343/Rev. I, as orally revised). S C resolution 517 (1982) | S C (37), 2389 th mtg. |
| Decision of 6 August 1982 (2391 st mtg.): Draft resolution submitted by the USSR (S C (37), Suppl. for July-Sept. 1982, S/15347/Rev. I, as orally revised), which failed owing to the negative vote of a permanent member | S C (37), 2391 st mtg. |
| Decision of 17 August 1982 (2393 rd mtg.): Draft resolution prepared during consultations among Council members (S C (37), Suppl. for July-Sept. 1982, S/15367). S C resolution 519 (1982) | S C (37), 2393 rd mtg. |
| Decision of 18 October 1982 (2400 th mtg.): Proposal under neither 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 | S C (37), 2400 th mtg. |
| Decision of 18 October 1982 (2400 th mtg.): Draft resolution prepared during consultations among Council members (S C (37), Suppl. for Oct.-Dec. 1982, S/15458). S C resolution 523 (1982) | S C (37), 2400 th mtg. |
| Decision of 18 January 1983 (2411 th mtg.): Draft resolution submitted by Jordan (S C (38), Suppl. for Jan.-March 1983, S/15564). S C resolution 529 (1983) | S C (38), 2411 th mtg. |
| Decision of 18 July 1983 (2456 th mtg.): Draft resolution prepared during consultations among Council members (S C (38), Suppl. for July-Sept. 1983, S/15871). S C resolution 536 (1983) | S C (38), 2456 th mtg. |
| Decision of 18 October 1983 (2480 th mtg.): Draft resolution prepared during consultations among Council members (S C (38), Suppl. for Oct.-Dec. 1983, S/16046). S C resolution 538 (1983) | S C (38), 2480 th mtg. |

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| Decision of 19 April 1984 (2530 th mtg.): Draft resolution prepared during consultations among Council members (S C (39), Suppl. for April-June 1984, S/16491). S C resolution 549 (1984) | S C (39), 2530 th mtg. |
| Decision of 21 May 1984 (2540 th mtg.): Proposal under neither 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 | S C (39), 2540 th mtg. |
| Decision of 12 October 1984 (2559 th mtg.): Draft resolution prepared during consultations among Council members (S C (39), Suppl. for Oct.-Dec. 1984, S/16779). S C resolution 555 (1984) | S C (39), 2559 th mtg. |
| <i>The situation in the occupied Arab territories</i> | |
| Decision of 9 March 1979 (2123 rd mtg.): Proposal under neither 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 | S C (34), 2123 rd mtg. |
| Decision of 22 March 1979 (2134 th mtg.): Draft resolution submitted by Bangladesh, Kuwait, Nigeria and Zambia (S C (34), Suppl. for Jan.-March 1979, S/13171/Rev.2). S C resolution 446 (1979) | S C (34), 2134 th mtg. |
| Decision of 18 July 1979 (2156 th mtg.): Proposal under neither 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 | S C (34), 2156 th mtg. |
| Decision of 20 July 1979 (2159 th mtg.): Draft resolution prepared during consultations among Council members (S C (34), Suppl. for July-Sept. 1979, S/13461). S C resolution 452 (1979) | S C (34), 2159 th mtg. |
| Decision of 22 February 1980 (2199 th mtg.): Proposal under neither 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 | S C (35), 2199 th mtg. |
| Decision of 8 May 1980 (2221 st mtg.): Proposal under neither 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 | S C (35), 2221 st mtg. |
| Decision of 8 May 1980 (2221 st mtg.): Draft resolution prepared during consultations among Council members (S C (35), Suppl. for April-June 1980, S/13930). S C resolution 468 (1980) | S C (35), 2221 st mtg. |
| Decision of 20 May 1980 (2222 nd mtg.): Proposal under neither 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 | S C (35), 2222 nd mtg. |
| Decision of 20 May 1980 (2222 nd mtg.): Draft resolution prepared during consultations among Council members (S C (35), Suppl. for April-June 1980, S/13949). S C resolution 469 (1980) | S C (35), 2222 nd mtg. |
| Decision of 5 June 1980 (2226 th mtg.): Proposal under neither 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 | S C (35), 2226 th mtg. |

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| Decision of 5 June 1980 (2226 th mtg.): Draft resolution prepared during consultations among Council members (S C (35), Suppl. for April-June 1980, S/13984). S C resolution 471 (1980) | S C (35), 2226 th mtg. |
| Decision of 19 December 1980 (2259 th mtg.): Proposal under neither 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 | S C (35), 2259 th mtg. |
| Decision of 6 January 1982 (2322 nd mtg.): Proposal under neither 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 | S C (37), 2322 nd mtg. |
| Decision of 20 January 1982 (2329 th mtg.): Draft resolution submitted by Jordan (S C (37), Suppl. for Jan.-March 1982, S/14832/Rev.1), which failed owing to the negative vote of a permanent member | S C (37), 2329 th mtg. |
| Decision of 28 January 1982 (2330 th mtg.): Draft resolution submitted by Jordan (S C (37), Suppl. for Jan.-March 1982, S/14848). S C resolution 500 (1982) | S C (37), 2330 th mtg. |
| Decision of 24 March 1982 (2334 th mtg.): Proposal under neither 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 | S C (37), 2334 th mtg. |
| Decision of 13 April 1982 (2352 nd mtg.): Proposal under neither 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 | S C (37), 2352 nd mtg. |
| Decision of 12 November 1982 (2401 st mtg.): Proposal under neither 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 | S C (37), 2401 st mtg. |
| <i>The question of the exercise by the Palestinian people of its inalienable rights</i> Decision of 29 June 1979 (2155 th mtg.): Proposal under neither 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 | S C (34), 2155 th mtg. |
| Decision of 31 March 1980 (2204 th mtg.): Proposal under neither 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 | S C (35), 2204 th mtg. |
| Decision of 30 April 1980 (2220 th mtg.): Draft resolution submitted by Tunisia (S C (35), Suppl. for April-June 1980, S/13911), which failed because of the negative vote of a permanent member | S C (35), 2220 th mtg. |

Complaint by Iraq

Decision of 12 June 1981 (2280th mtg.): S C (36), 2280th mtg.
 Proposal under neither 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

Complaint by Angola against South Africa

Decision of 28 March 1979 (2139th mtg.): S C (34), 2139th mtg.
 Draft resolution submitted by Bangladesh, Bolivia, Gabon, Jamaica, Kuwait, Nigeria and Zambia (S C (34), Suppl. for Jan.-March 1979, S/13197). S C resolution 447 (1979)

Decision of 2 November 1979 (2170th mtg.): S C (34), 2170th mtg.
 Draft resolution submitted by Bangladesh, Gabon, Jamaica, Kuwait, Nigeria and Zambia (S C (34), Suppl. for Oct.-Dec. 1979, S/13601). S C resolution 454 (1979)

Decision of 27 June 1980 (2240th mtg.): S C (35), 2240th mtg.
 Draft resolution submitted by Bangladesh, Jamaica, Mexico, the Niger, the Philippines, Tunisia and Zambia (S C (35), Suppl. for April-June 1980, S/14024). S C resolution 475 (1980)

Decision of 31 August 1982 (2300th mtg.): S C (37), 2300th mtg.
 Draft resolution submitted by Mexico, the Niger, Panama, the Philippines, Tunisia and Uganda (S C (37), Suppl. for July-Sept. 1982, S/14664/Rev.2), which failed owing to the negative vote of a permanent member

Decision of 20 December 1983 (2508th mtg.): S C (38), 2508th mtg.
 Draft resolution submitted by Angola, Botswana, Guyana, Jordan, Malta, Mozambique, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Pakistan, Togo, the United Republic of Tanzania, Zaire, Zambia and Zimbabwe (S C (38), Suppl. for Oct.-Dec. 1983, S/16226). S C resolution 545 (1983)

Decision of 6 January 1984 (2511th mtg.): S C (39), 2511th mtg.
 Draft resolution submitted by Angola, Egypt, India, Malta, Mozambique, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Pakistan, Peru, the United Republic of Tanzania, Upper Volta, Zambia and Zimbabwe (S C (39), Suppl. for Jan.-March 1984, S/16247/Rev.1). S C resolution 546 (1984)

Question concerning the situation in Southern Rhodesia

Decision of 8 March 1979 (2122nd mtg.): S C (34), 2122nd mtg.
 Draft resolution submitted by Bangladesh, Bolivia, Gabon, Jamaica, Kuwait, Nigeria and Zambia (S C (34), Suppl. for Jan.-March 1979, S/13140). S C resolution 445 (1979)

Decision of 30 April 1979 (2143rd mtg.): S C (34), 2143rd mtg.
 Draft resolution submitted by Bangladesh, Bolivia, Gabon, Jamaica, Kuwait, Nigeria and Zambia (S C (34), Suppl. for April-June 1979, S/13282). S C resolution 448 (1979)

Decision of 21 December 1979 (2181st mtg.): S C (34), 2181st mtg.
 Draft resolution prepared during consultations among Council members (S C (34), Suppl. for Oct.-Dec. 1979, S/13699). S C resolution 460 (1979)

Decision of 2 February 1980 (2196th mtg.): S C (35), 2196th mtg.
 Draft resolution submitted by Bangladesh, Jamaica, Mexico, the Niger, the Philippines, Tunisia and Zambia (S C (35), Suppl. for Jan.-March 1980, S/13777/Rev.1). S C resolution 463 (1980)^b

- Letter dated 25 November 1979 from the Secretary-General and letter dated 22 December 1979 from the representative of the United States of America addressed to the President of the Security Council*
- Decision of 31 December 1979 (2184th mtg.): S C (34), 2184th mtg.
 Draft resolution submitted by the United States (S C (34), Suppl. for Oct.-Dec. 1979, S/13711/Rev.1). S C resolution 461 (1979)
- Decision of 13 January 1980 (2191st mtg.): S C (35), 2191st mtg.
 Draft resolution submitted by the United States (S C (35), Suppl. for Jan.-March 1980, S/13735), which failed owing to the negative vote of a permanent member^b
- Question concerning the Falkland Islands (Islas Malvinas)*
- Decision of 3 June 1982 (2372nd mtg.): S C (37), 2372nd mtg.
 Proposal for longer suspension of the meeting at the request of Spain, which failed, not having gained a positive vote of nine members
- Decision of 4 June 1982 (2373rd mtg.): S C (37), 2373rd mtg.
 Draft resolution submitted by Spain and Panama (S C (37), Suppl. for April-June 1982, S/15256/Rev.2), which failed owing to the negative vote of a permanent member
- Letter dated 1 April 1982 from the representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland*
- Decision of 3 April 1982 (2350th mtg.): S C (37), 2350th mtg.
 Draft resolution submitted by the United Kingdom (S C (37), Suppl. for April-June 1982, S/14947/Rev.1). S C resolution 502 (1982)
- Situation in Namibia*
- Decision of 28 October 1983 (2492nd mtg.): S C (38), 2492nd mtg.
 Draft resolution submitted by Guyana, Jordan, Malta, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Togo, Zaire and Zimbabwe (S C (38), Suppl. for Oct.-Dec. 1983, S/16085/Rev.2). S C resolution 539 (1983)
- Question of South Africa*
- Decision of 17 August 1984 (2551st mtg.): S C (39), 2551st mtg.
 Draft resolution submitted by Burkina Faso, Egypt, India, Malta, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Peru and Zimbabwe (S C (39), Suppl. for July-Sept. 1984, S/16700). S C resolution 554 (1984)
- Decision of 23 October 1984 (2560th mtg.): S C (39), 2560th mtg.
 Draft resolution submitted by Burkina Faso, Egypt, India, Malta, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Peru and Zimbabwe (S C (39), Suppl. for Oct.-Dec. 1984, S/16791). S C resolution 556 (1984)
- Situation in Cyprus*
- Decision of 15 June 1979 (2150th mtg.): S C (34), 2150th mtg.
 Draft resolution prepared during consultations among Council members (S C (34), Suppl. for April-June 1979, S/13396). S C resolution 451 (1979)^b
- Decision of 14 December 1979 (2179th mtg.): S C (34), 2179th mtg.
 Draft resolution prepared during consultations among Council members (S C (34), Suppl. for Oct.-Dec. 1979, S/13690). S C resolution 458 (1979)^b
- Decision of 13 June 1980 (2230th mtg.): S C (35), 2230th mtg.
 Draft resolution prepared during consultations among Council members (S C (35), Suppl. for April-June 1980, S/13993). S C resolution 472 (1980)^b
- Decision of 4 June 1981 (2279th mtg.): S C (36), 2279th mtg.
 Draft resolution prepared during consultations among Council members (S C (36), Suppl. for April-June 1981, S/14500). S C resolution 486 (1981)^b
- Decision of 11 May 1984 (2539th mtg.): S C (39), 2539th mtg.
 Draft resolution submitted by India, Nicaragua, Upper Volta and Zimbabwe (S C (39), Suppl. for April-June 1984, S/16550). S C resolution 550 (1984)

Letter dated 19 March 1982 from the permanent representative of Nicaragua to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Decision of 2 April 1982 (2347th mtg.):

S C (37), 2347th mtg.

Draft resolution submitted by Guyana and Panama (S C (37), Suppl. for Jan.-April 1982, S/14941), which failed owing to the negative vote of a permanent member

Letter dated 1 September 1983 from the Acting Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council; letter dated 1 September 1983 from the Permanent Observer for the Republic of Korea to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council; letter dated 1 September 1983 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Canada to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council; letter dated 1 September 1983 from the Permanent Representative of Japan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council; letter dated 2 September 1983 from the Acting Permanent Representative of Australia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Decision of 12 September 1983 (2476th mtg.):

S C (38), 2476th mtg.

Draft resolution submitted Australia, Canada, Fiji, France, Japan, Malaysia, the Netherlands, New Zealand, the United Kingdom and the United States (S C (38), Suppl. for July-Sept. 1983, S/15966/Rev.1), which failed owing to the negative vote of a permanent member

Situation in Grenada

Decision of 28 October 1983 (2491st mtg.):

S C (38), 2491st mtg.

Draft resolution submitted by Guyana, Nicaragua and Zimbabwe (S C (38), Suppl. for Oct.-Dec. 1983, S/16077/Rev.1), which failed owing to the negative vote of a permanent member