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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. 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. Statements of consensus sometimes indicated that one or more members of the Council had dissociated themselves from the matter.

6. When decisions are to be taken by a vote, the voting in the 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, permanent as well as non-permanent members have been identified as not participating in the voting. In elections, the voting has been conducted by secret ballot.

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
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 7 above, were recorded:
   (a) Inclusion of an item in the agenda
   (b) Suspension of rule 59 of the provisional rules of procedure
   (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 procedure
   (d) Invitation to non-member States to participate in the Council’s discussion of their application for membership
   (e) Adjournment of a meeting.

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

C. 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 ABSENCE 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 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. A list of certain instances in which the permanent members have abstained is appended in annex III.

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

D. The question of the application of the proviso of Article 27 (3) regarding abstention from voting by a party to a dispute

11. 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, which failed of adoption owing to the negative vote of one permanent member, 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 participating 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 1971, 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 would be applicable to them.

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Footnotes:
2 SC (26), 1612th mtg., China; SC (27), 1638th mtg., China; 1657th mtg., China; 1682nd mtg., China; SC (28), 1733th mtg., China; 1742nd mtg., China; 1745th mtg., China; 1752nd mtg., China; 1760th mtg., China; SC (29), 1767th mtg., China; 1769th mtg., China and Iraq; 1770th mtg., China; 1774th mtg., China and Iraq; 1788th mtg., China and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya; 1789th mtg., China; 1793rd mtg., China; 1794th mtg., China; 1799th mtg., China and Iraq; 1809th mtg., China and Iraq; 1810th mtg., China; SC (30), 1821st mtg., China; 1822nd mtg., China and Iraq; 1830th mtg., China; 1832nd mtg., China and Iraq; 1833rd mtg., China;
3 China and Iraq; 1848th mtg., France; 1851st mtg., China and Iraq; 1856th mtg., China and Iraq; 1862nd mtg., China and Iraq; 1863rd mtg., China; SC (31), 1879th mtg., China and the Libyan Arab Republic; 1906th mtg., China; 1914th mtg., Benin; 1923rd 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., Benin, China and the Libyan Arab Republic; 1979th mtg., Benin and China; SC (32), 2010th mtg., Benin, China and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya; 2012th mtg., China; 2035th mtg., China and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya; 2051st mtg., Benin, China and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya; 2054th mtg., China; SC (33), 2074th mtg., China; 2075th mtg., China; 2076th mtg., China; 2079th mtg., China; 2080th mtg., China; 2085th mtg., China; 2087th mtg., China; 2091st mtg., China; 2101st mtg., China; 2107th mtg., China.
4 In the secret ballots in connexion 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.
5 SC (27), 1658th mtg.; SC (30), 1834th mtg.
6 SC (27), 1659th mtg.
8 Spain, paras. 276, 283; President (United States), paras. 249, 250, 251; Judge de Castro, ibid., pp. 185-186.
9 SC (31), Suppl. for Jan.-March, 1976, S/1167. The draft resolution was sponsored by Benin, China, Guyana, the Libyan Arab Republic, and the United Republic of Tanzania and introduced by the representative of the United Republic of Tanzania at the 1888th meeting on 6 February 1976.
10 The vote was 11 votes in favour, 1 against (France) and 3 abstentions. See SC (31), 1888th mtg., para. 247.
11 For the texts of relevant statements, see SC (31), 1888th mtg., paras. 249, 250, 251; Judge de Castro, ibid., paras. 268, Panama, paras. 276, 283; President (United States), paras. 292, 313; United Republic of Tanzania, paras. 299-309.
12 SC (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)  

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<td>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</td>
<td>S C (30), 1859th mtg.</td>
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<td>12 January 1976</td>
<td>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</td>
<td>S C (31), 1870th mtg.</td>
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<td>22 March 1976</td>
<td>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</td>
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<td>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</td>
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<td>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</td>
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Certain cases in which permanent members abstained otherwise than in accordance with the proviso of Article 27 (3)

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Decision of 4 February 1972 (1638th mtg.):
Draft resolution submitted by Guinea, Somalia, Sudan and Yugoslavia (S C (27), Suppl. for Jan.-March, 1972, S/10608/Rev.1). S C resolution 310 (1972)  

Decision of 6 December 1972 (1682nd mtg.):
Draft resolution submitted by Argentina, as modified (S C (27), Suppl. for Oct.-Dec., 1972, S/10846). S C resolution 323 (1972)  

Decision of 27 July 1978 (2082nd mtg.):
Draft resolution. S C resolution 431 (1978)  

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 Jan.-March, 1972, S/10552)  

Decision of 26 June 1972 (1650th mtg.):
Draft resolution submitted by Belgium, France and United Kingdom (S C (27), Suppl. for April-June, 1972, S/10722). S C resolution 316 (1972)  

Decision of 21 July 1972 (1653rd mtg.):
Draft resolution submitted by Guinea, Somalia, Sudan and Yugoslavia (S C (27), Suppl. for July-Sept., 1972, S/10742). S C resolution 317 (1972)  

Decision of 10 September 1972 (1662nd mtg.):
First paragraph of the amendment submitted by Belgium, France, Italy and United Kingdom to the draft resolution submitted by Somalia and later co-sponsored by Guinea and Yugoslavia (S C (27), Suppl. for July-Sept., 1972, S/10786, S/10783)  

Decision of 24 April 1973 (1711th mtg.):
Draft resolution submitted by France and United Kingdom (S C (28), Suppl. for April-June, 1973, S/10916/Rev.1). S C resolution 332 (1973)  

Decision of 25 October 1973 (1750th mtg.):
Paragraph 3 of the draft resolution submitted by Guinea, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Panama, Peru, Sudan and Yugoslavia (S C (28), Suppl. for Oct.-Dec., 1973, S/11046/Rev.1)  

Decision of 15 December 1973 (1760th mtg.):
Draft resolution submitted by Australia, Austria, Guinea, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Panama, Peru, Sudan and Yugoslavia (S C (28), Suppl. for Oct.-Dec., 1973, S/11156). S C resolution 344 (1973)  

Decision of 24 April 1974 (1769th mtg.):
Oral amendment proposed by the United States to the draft resolution (S C (29), Suppl. for April-June, 1974, S/11275, para. 2)  

Decision of 4 December 1973 (1799th 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
in the debate as were conferred on a Member State invited under rule 37 of the provisional rules of procedure (S C (31), Suppl. for Oct.-Dec., 1975, S/11893).

Decision of 8 December 1975 (1862nd mtg.):

Two amendments submitted by the United States to draft resolution submitted by Guyana, Iraq, Mauritania, United Republic of Cameroon and United Republic of Tanzania (S C (30), Suppl. for Oct.-Dec., 1975, S/11901).

Decision of 25 March 1977 (1993rd 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 in the debate as were conferred on a Member State invited under rule 37 of the provisional rules of procedure.

Decisions of 17 March 1978 (2071st 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 in the debate as were conferred on a Member State invited under rule 37 of the provisional rules of procedure.

Proposal that the representative of the PLO should be seated at the Council table for the duration of the discussion of the item before the Council.

Decision of 19 March 1978 (2074th mtg.):


Decision of 19 March 1978 (2075th mtg.):


Decision of 3 May 1978 (2076th mtg.):


Decision of 18 September 1978 (2085th mtg.):


Decision of 19 September 1978 (2086th 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 in the debate as were conferred on a Member State invited under rule 37 of the provisional rules of procedure.

Decision of 23 October 1978 (2091st mtg.):


The situation in Southern Rhodesia

Decisions of 17 March 1970 (1534th mtg.):

Revised draft resolution submitted by the United Kingdom (S C (25), Suppl. for Jan.-March, 1970, S/9676/Rev.1).


Decision of 10 November 1970 (1556th mtg.):


Decisions of 30 December 1971 (1623rd mtg.):

Second preambular paragraph of draft resolution submitted by Burundi, Sierra Leone, Somalia and the Syrian Arab Republic (S C (26), Suppl. for Oct.-Dec., 1971, S/10489).

Fifth preambular paragraph of draft resolution submitted by Burundi, Sierra Leone, Somalia and the Syrian Arab Republic (S C (26), Suppl. for Oct.-Dec., 1971, S/10489).

Operative paragraph 3 of draft resolution submitted by Burundi, Sierra Leone, Somalia and the Syrian Arab Republic (S C (26), Suppl. for Oct.-Dec., 1971, S/10489).

Operative paragraph 4 of draft resolution submitted by Burundi, Sierra Leone, Somalia and the Syrian Arab Republic (S C (26), Suppl. for Oct.-Dec., 1971, S/10489).

Operative paragraph 5 of draft resolution submitted by Burundi, Sierra Leone, Somalia and the Syrian Arab Republic (S C (26), Suppl. for Oct.-Dec., 1971, S/10489).
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Decisions arranged under agenda item 51

Document reference for text

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Decision of 4 February 1972 (1639th mtg.):
Draft resolution submitted by Guinea, Somalia and Sudan (S C (27), Suppl. for Jan.-March, 1972, S/10606).................. S C (27), 1639th mtg.

Decisions of 28 February 1972 (1645th mtg.):
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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 in the debate as were conferred on a Member State invited under rule 37 of the provisional rules of procedure (S C (31), 1966th mtg.).

The question of the exercise by the Palestinian people of its inalienable rights

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Decision of 29 June 1976 (1938th mtg.):
Draft resolution submitted by Guyana, Pakistan, Panama and United Republic of Tanzania (S C (31), Suppl. for April-June, 1976, S/12119). S C resolution 393 (1976)

Decision of 27 October 1977 (2041st 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 in the debate as were conferred on a Member State invited under rule 37 of the provisional rules of procedure (S C (32), 2041st mtg.).

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Draft resolution submitted by Benin, Guyana, Libyan Arab Republic, Pakistan, Panama, Romania and United Republic of Tanzania (S C (31), Suppl. for July-Sept., 1976, S/12158). S C resolution 393 (1976)

Complaint by Botswana against Southern Rhodesia

Decision of 14 January 1977 (1985th mtg.):
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