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## VOLUME III

**ARTICLE 30****TEXT OF ARTICLE 30**

The Security Council shall adopt its own rules of procedure, including the method of selecting its President.

**NOTE**

1. In accordance with Article 30 of the Charter, the Security Council adopted its provisional rules of procedure at its first meeting held on 17 January 1946.<sup>1</sup> During the period under review, the Security Council did not consider formally the amendment or adoption of its provisional rules of procedure. However, there were several instances where Member States, including members of the Council, in their interventions, discussed the need for the review or the updating of the provisional rules of procedure.<sup>2</sup>
2. The Council took a number of steps to improve its working methods and procedure, which included the following: attendance by newly elected members in the Council's informal consultations of the whole during the month preceding their term;<sup>3</sup> inclusion and circulation of printed fact sheets for briefings by the Secretariat to Council members;<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> S/96/Rev.7.

<sup>2</sup> For instance, in connection with the consideration of the draft report of the Security Council to the General Assembly, see S/PV.4616, p. 3 (Singapore); and p. 15 (Mexico). In connection with the implementation of the note by the President of the Security Council, (S/2006/507) see, S/PV.5968, pp. 6-7 (Libyan Arab Jamahiriya); p. 10 (United States); pp. 15-16 (South Africa); p. 19 (Burkina Faso); p. 33 (Cuba, on behalf of NAM); S/PV.5968 (Resumption 1), p. 2 (Egypt); pp. p. 18 (India); p. 23 (Pakistan); and p. 25 (Guatemala).

<sup>3</sup> S/2000/155 and S/2002/1276.

<sup>4</sup> S/2002/316.

communication and dissemination by the President and Secretariat of Council decisions and statements to the press as well as issuance of statements to the press made by the President as United Nations press releases;<sup>5</sup> arrangements for consultation and exchange of information with troop-contributing countries;<sup>6</sup> adoption of a note by the President containing an index to notes and statements by the President relating to documentation and procedure;<sup>7</sup> and adoption of another note by the President summarizing recent practices and newly agreed measures, and further developing the notes and statements by the President relating to documentation and procedure (listed in S/2006/78).<sup>8</sup> The Council also adopted additional measures regarding informal consultations, matters of which the Council is seized and the annual report of the Security Council to the General Assembly.<sup>9</sup>

3. For detailed information regarding the practice of the Council in relation to the provisional rules of procedures, including the selection of the President, referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 above, see chapter I, Introduction, of the fourteenth and fifteenth supplements and part II, section X, of the sixteenth supplement of the *Repertoire to the Practice of the Security Council*:

[http://www.un.org/en/sc/repertoire/2000-2003/00-03\\_1.pdf](http://www.un.org/en/sc/repertoire/2000-2003/00-03_1.pdf) (during 2000-2003);

[http://www.un.org/en/sc/repertoire/2004-2007/04-07\\_01.pdf](http://www.un.org/en/sc/repertoire/2004-2007/04-07_01.pdf) (during 2004-2007);

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

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<sup>5</sup> S/2001/640.

<sup>6</sup> S/2002/964.

<sup>7</sup> S/2006/78.

<sup>8</sup> S/2006/507.

<sup>9</sup> S/2007/749.