

Chapter V

SUBSIDIARY ORGANS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

NOTE

The Security Council has, during the period under review, established no new subsidiary organs; nor have proposals for the establishment of subsidiary organs been submitted for the consideration of the Council by its members.¹ Proceedings of the Council in which there has been discussion relating to subsidiary organs have concerned previously established bodies.

In the category of subsidiary organs meeting at places away from the seat of the Organization, only the United Nations Representative for India-Pakistan and the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization for Palestine have continued to function during the period under review. The United Nations Representative for India-Pakistan and the Chief of Staff of the Truce Supervision Organization have been invited to the Council table at various meetings when questions which were their respective concern were being discussed.² In accordance with the directives contained in the original decisions establishing them, both these organs have continued to function during the period under review. In addition, particular requests to report have been addressed to them in subsequent decisions of the Council falling within the span of this Supplement.³

Much of the activity of the Council in the discharge of its responsibilities for the maintenance of international peace and security in the India-Pakistan and Palestine questions has taken place through the instrumentality

¹ For proceedings of the Security Council involving consideration of a proposal for the employment by the Council of a subsidiary organ established by the General Assembly, see in chapter VI, Case 6.

² The occasions on which such invitations have been extended are enumerated in chapter III of this Supplement.

³ These requests will be found in the decisions recorded in chapter VIII below, under the Palestine question and the India-Pakistan question.

of its subsidiary organs. As with other aspects of practice which arise in the consideration of the substance of questions placed before the Council, the employment of subsidiary organs as instruments for the discharge of the Council's primary responsibility does not admit of presentation in isolation from the decisions and debates of the Council.

before it and the relative merits of measures proposed. The practice of the Council in the substantive employment of subsidiary organs must be sought therefore within the framework of the chain of proceedings on the relevant agenda items presented in chapter VIII.

While there has been no discussion of the establishment or composition of subsidiary organs of the Council during the period under review, note may be taken of the manner of prolongation of the mission of the Representative of India-Pakistan through presidential formulation of the sense of the Security Council.⁴

In the category of subsidiary organs meeting at the seat of the Organization, only the Committee of Experts

For an account of the occasion on which a question was referred to the Committee for report, see chapter VI, Case 3. The other standing committee of the Council, the Committee on the Admission of New Members, has not been employed during the period under review in connexion with the examination of applications for membership in the United Nations. The decisions of the Council in connexion with the question of reference of applications for membership to the Committee will be found in chapter VII, part IV.

⁴ See in chapter VIII under the India-Pakistan question decision of 31 January 1952 (572nd meeting). The mission of the United Nations Representative for India-Pakistan was again continued by the Council in the resolution which it adopted at the 611th meeting on 23 December 1952.