

**Chapter VII**

**PRACTICES RELATIVE TO RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY REGARDING THE ADMISSION OF  
NEW MEMBERS**

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## INTRODUCTORY NOTE

The material covered in this chapter is dealt with on lines similar to those followed in the first supplement to the *Repertoire*. Part I sets forth in tabular form the

Compared with the discussions of the Council on such questions during the periods covered in the previous volumes of the *Repertoire*, the proceedings of the Council in regard to admission of new Members in

portions of this chapter concern the procedures employed by the Council in dealing with questions of admission.

of constitutional or procedural questions in this chapter consequently remain blank, including, in particular, parts II and VI.

### Part I

## TABLE OF APPLICATIONS, 1956-1958, AND OF ACTIONS TAKEN THEREON BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL

### NOTE

The following table represents a continuation of the one in the previous volumes where its organization is explained. The modifications introduced in the tabulation contained in the last volume have been maintained.

- (i) Mongolian People's Republic.<sup>1</sup>
- (ii) Republic of Korea.<sup>2</sup>
- (iii) Democratic People's Republic of Korea.<sup>3</sup>
- (iv) Viet-Nam.<sup>4</sup>
- (v) Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam.<sup>5</sup>

### A. APPLICATIONS RECOMMENDED BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL

In the period 1 January 1956-31 December 1958, the

- (ii) At the 731st meeting on 20 July 1956, Morocco was unanimously recommended.
- (iii) At the 732nd meeting on 20 July 1956, Tunisia was unanimously recommended.
- (iv) At the 756th meeting on 12 December 1956, Japan was unanimously recommended.
- (v) At the 775th meeting on 7 March 1957, Ghana was unanimously recommended.
- (vi) At the 786th meeting on 5 September 1957, the Federation of Malaya was unanimously recommended.
- (vii) At the 842nd meeting on 9 December 1958,

### B. APPLICATIONS WHICH FAILED TO OBTAIN A RECOMMENDATION

The following applications failed to obtain the Council's recommendation up to the end of 1958:

### C. DISCUSSION OF THE QUESTION IN THE COUNCIL FROM 1956-1958

beginning of 1956.]

The Council has held a total of ten meetings<sup>6</sup> on questions of admission during this period of three years, of the applications of new States.

<sup>1</sup> Received less than 7 affirmative votes.

<sup>2</sup> Failed to obtain recommendation owing to the negative vote of a permanent member.

<sup>3</sup> Received less than 7 affirmative votes.

<sup>4</sup> Failed to obtain recommendation owing to the negative vote of a permanent member.

<sup>6</sup> 716th (6 February 1956), 731st (20 July 1956), 732nd (26 July 1956), 756th (12 December 1956), 775th (7 March 1957), 786th (5 September 1957), 789th and 790th (both on 9 September 1957), 842nd and 843rd (both on 9 December 1958).

<sup>7</sup> 716th (Sudan); 731st (Morocco); 732nd (Tunisia); 775th (Ghana); 786th (Malaya); 842nd (Republic of Guinea).

## D. APPLICATIONS PENDING ON 1 JANUARY 1956

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Date of Application</i>	<i>Document</i>
Mongolian People's Republic . . . . .	24 June 1946	O.R. Suppl. 4, 1st yr., 2nd series, Annex 6 (3), pp. 48-49 (S/95)
Republic of Korea . . . . .	19 January 1949	O.R. Suppl. Feb. 1949, 4th yr., p. 5 (S/1238)
Democratic People's Republic of Korea . . . . .	9 February 1949	O.R. 12, 4th yr., p. 18 (S/1247)
Viet-Nam . . . . .	17 December 1951	O.R., 7th yr., Suppl. for Jan.-Mar. 1952, p. 1 (S/2446)
Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam . . . . .	(i) 22 November 1948 <sup>a</sup> (ii) 29 December 1951	O.R., 7th yr., Suppl. for July-Sept. 1952, pp. 57-58 (S/2780) O.R., 7th yr., Suppl. for Jan.-Mar. 1952, pp. 1-2 (S/2446)
Japan . . . . .	16 June 1952	O.R., 7th yr., Suppl. for Apr.-June 1952, pp. 19-20 (S/2673)

<sup>a</sup> Circulated on 17 September 1952 as S/2780. (See *Repertoire*, Suppl. 1952-1955, p. 91, Case 1.)

## E. APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED BETWEEN 1 JANUARY 1956 AND 31 DECEMBER 1958

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Date of Application</i>	<i>Document <sup>a</sup></i>
Sudan . . . . .	21 January 1956	O.R., 11th yr., Suppl. for Jan.-Mar. 1956, pp. 10-11 (S/3543)
Morocco . . . . .	4 July 1956	O.R., 11th yr., Suppl. for July-Sept. 1956, p. 1 (S/3617)
Tunisia . . . . .	14 July 1956	O.R., 11th yr., Suppl. for July-Sept. 1956, pp. 4-5 (S/3622)
Ghana . . . . .	7 March 1957	O.R., 11th yr., Suppl. for Jan.-Mar. 1957, p. 10 (S/3797)
Federation of Malaya . . . . .	31 August 1957	O.R., 12th yr., Suppl. for July-Sept. 1957, pp. 22-23 (S/3872)
Republic of Guinea . . . . .	3 December 1958	S/4122

<sup>a</sup> Includes the formal declaration in each case.

<i>Draft resolution, etc.</i>	<i>of vote</i>	<i>for</i>	<i>ag.</i>	<i>abst.</i>	<i>and date</i>	<i>vote <sup>a</sup></i>
<i>Sudan</i> , French-U.K.-U.S. d.r. (S. 3545) recommending admission . . . . .	Same	11	0	0	716th 6.2.56	Adopted
<i>Morocco</i> , French d.r. (S. 3620) recommending admission . . . . .	Same	11	0	0	731st 20.7.56	Adopted
<i>Tunisia</i> , French d.r. (S. 3627) recommending admission . . . . .	Same	11	0	0	732nd 26.7.56	Adopted

**F. VOTES IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL (1956-1958) ON DRAFT RESOLUTIONS AND AMENDMENTS CONCERNING APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSION TO MEMBERSHIP IN THE UNITED NATIONS (cont'd.)**

	Subject	Vote			Meeting and date	Result of vote
<i>Iran, Persia, d.r. (S/3754) recommending admission . . . . .</i>	Same	11	0	0	756th 12.12.56	Adopted
<i>Mongolian People's Republic, USSR d.r. (S/3755) recommending admission . . . . .</i>	Same	4	2	5	756th 12.12.56	Not adopted
<i>Ghana, Australian-U.K. d.r. (S/3800) recommending admission . . . . .</i>	Same	11	0	0	775th 7.3.57	Adopted
<i>Democratic People's Republic of Korea, USSR d.r. (S/3876) recommending admission . . . . .</i>	Same	11	0	0	786th 5.9.57	Adopted
<i>Democratic People's Republic of Korea, USSR amendment (S/3887) to joint d.r. (S/3884) — see below . . . . .</i>	Same	1	9	1	790th 9.9.57	Not adopted
<i>Republic of Korea, Australia, China, U.K., U.S. d.r. (S/3884) recommending admission . . . . .</i>	Same	10	1	0	790th 9.9.57	Not adopted
<i>Viet-Nam, Australia, China, Colombia, Cuba, France, Philippines, U.K., U.S. d.r. (S/3885) recommending admission . . . . .</i>	Same	10	1	0	790th 9.9.57	Not adopted
<i>Republic of Korea, USSR d.r. (S/3877) recommending admission . . . . .</i>	Same					
<i>Republic of Guinea, Iraq-Japan d.r. (S/4131) . . . . .</i>	Same	10	0	1	842nd 9.12.58	Adopted
<i>Democratic People's Republic of Korea, USSR amendment (S/4132) to joint d.r. (S/3129/Rev.1) — see below . . . . .</i>	Same	1	8	2	843rd 9.12.58	Not adopted
<i>Republic of Korea, France, Japan, U.K., U.S. d.r. (S/4129/Rev.1) recommending admission . . . . .</i>	Same	9	1	1	843rd 9.12.58	Not adopted
<i>Viet-Nam, France, Japan, U.K., U.S. d.r. (S/4130/Rev.1) recommending admission . . . . .</i>	Same	8	1	2	843rd 9.12.58	Not adopted

\* Both the subject and the result of the vote are usually given in the form announced by the President.

**\*\*Part II**

**CONSIDERATION OF THE ADOPTION OR AMENDMENT OF RULES 58, 59 AND 60 OF THE PROVISIONAL RULES OF PROCEDURE**

**Part III**

**PRESENTATION OF APPLICATIONS**

**NOTE**

Part III of this chapter sets forth material concerning the presentation of applications up to the point at which the Security Council considers an item on the agenda, that is, the submission of applications to the

The following list\* completes, for the period under review, the historical data set forth in the previous volumes concerning presentation of applications:

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Sudan . . . . . 21 January 1956

Tunisia . . . . . 14 July 1956

(xi) In 1958<sup>11</sup>

Republic of Guinea . . . 3 December 1958

<sup>9</sup> Sudan, S/3543, O.R., 11th year, Suppl. for Jan.-Mar. 1956, pp. 10-11; Morocco, S/3617, O.R., 11th year, Suppl. for Jan.-Mar. 1956, pp. 10-11.<sup>10</sup> Ghana, S/3797, O.R., 12th year, Suppl. for Jan.-Mar. 1957, pp. 10-11; Mauritania, S/3820, O.R., 12th year, Suppl. for Jan.-Mar. 1957, pp. 10-11.

## REFERENCE OF APPLICATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE ON THE ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS

## NOTE

During the period covered by this volume, the Security Council has not referred any application to its Committee on the Admission of New Members. No

intervention in three cases are provided as illustrations of the Council's practices as regards newly submitted applications. Two other cases deal with actions taken by the Council in connexion with applications whose reconsideration had been requested by the General Assembly.

**A. BEFORE A RECOMMENDATION HAS BEEN FORWARDED OR A REPORT SUBMITTED TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

- \*\*1. Applications referred to the Committee by the President
- \*\*2. Applications referred to the Committee by decisions of the Security Council
- 3. Applications considered by the Security Council without reference to the Committee

## CASE 1

representatives suggested that the Council dispense with referring the application to the Committee on the Admission of New Members. The representative of Australia supported the suggestion, noting that:

"It seems clear that there is no doubt in the minds of members of the Security Council regarding the

However, he added that:

"... such reference would not in itself cast any reflection upon any country whose application might be dealt with in that way. The provisions of rule 59 regarding reference to a committee on new Members

a matter of course unless, as we expect in this case, the Council decides otherwise. In the process that led to the admission of so many outstanding applications by the General Assembly in December 1955, there was no such thing as a 'draft' resolution.

that it is not necessary on this occasion. However, in the Australian view, this is not a precedent, and future applicants should not feel that they are being singled out for undue critical attention if the Security Council in the future permits their applications to be referred to the Committee under rule 59."

There being no objection, the Council proceeded to adopt a draft resolution recommending the admission of the Sudan."

## CASE 2

At the 731st meeting on 20 July 1956, in connexion with the application of Morocco, the representative of France stated that:

"...it is self-evident that there is little point in referring its application to the Committee on the Admission of New Members, for the Council has for several years—and most recently in the case of the Sudan—waived this procedure in respect of all new

Similar views were expressed by various other members of the Council.

The representative of Australia observed that:

"Rule 59 of the rules of procedure, which provides—unless the Council decides otherwise—for applications for membership to be referred to the Committee on the Admission of New Members, is a procedural provision, under the Charter, of an applicant for membership. Since it seems clear in

<sup>11</sup> For texts of relevant statements, see:

716th meeting: President (USSR), paras. 77-78; Australia, paras. 60-61; Iran, paras. 33-34; United Kingdom, para. 12.

the case of Morocco that all members of the Council agree that no such doubt does exist, the Australian delegation is happy to concur in the proposal of the French delegation that the application of rule 59 should be waived by the Council on this occasion."

There being no objection, the Council adopted a draft resolution recommending admission of Morocco.<sup>13</sup>

CASE 3

At the 842nd meeting on 9 December 1958, in connexion with the application of the Republic of Guinea, the President suggested:

of the provisional rules of procedure, to submit to the Council... without first referring it for

New Members."

There being no objection, the Council proceeded to adopt a draft resolution recommending the admission of the Republic of Guinea.<sup>14</sup>

\*\*4. Applications reconsidered by the Security Council after reference to the Committee

B. AFTER AN APPLICATION HAS BEEN SENT BACK BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL FOR RECONSIDERATION

1. Applications referred to the Committee by the President

2. Applications reconsidered by the Security Council without reference to the Committee

<sup>13</sup> For texts of relevant statements, see: 731st meeting: Australia, para. 38; France, para. 13; Iran, para. 17.

<sup>14</sup> 842nd meeting (PV): p. 9.

CASE 4

At the 789th and 790th meetings on 9 September 1957, the Council considered, as sub-items (a) and (b) of its agenda, General Assembly resolution 1017 A and B (XI) of 28 February 1957, in which the Assembly *inter alia* requested the Council to reconsider, respectively, the applications of the Republic of Korea and of Viet-Nam. It also considered, as sub-item (c), communications concerning the application of the Mongolian People's Republic. The Council voted upon proposals<sup>15</sup> to recommend admission of each of these applicants and of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. There was no suggestion or proposal that any of the applications should be referred to the Committee on the

At the 843rd meeting on 9 December 1958, the Council considered as sub-items (b) and (c) of its agenda, General Assembly resolution 1114 A and B (XIII) of 25 October 1957, in which the Assembly required the Council to reconsider, respectively, the applications of the Republic of Korea and of Viet-Nam. The Council voted upon proposals<sup>16</sup> to recommend admission of each of these two applicants and of the

or proposal was made with a view to referring any of these applications to the Committee on the Admission of New Members.

joint draft resolution concerning the Republic of Korea; S/3887, O.R., 12th year, Suppl. for July-Sept. 1957, p. 37; USSR amendment concerning the Democratic People's Republic of Korea; S/3885, O.R., 12th year, Suppl. for July-Sept. 1957, p. 37; joint draft resolution concerning Viet-Nam; S/3877, O.R., 12th year, Suppl. for July-Sept. 1957, p. 33; USSR draft resolution concerning the Mongolian People's Republic.

15 S/4120/Rev. 1, joint draft resolution concerning the Republic of Korea; S/4132: USSR amendment concerning the

draft resolution concerning Viet-Nam.

Part V

PROCEDURES IN THE CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS WITHIN THE SECURITY COUNCIL

NOTE

The material included in this part consists of three cases concerning the order in which applications were reconsidered and voted upon, and of two cases dealing with proposals calling for simultaneous admission of two applicants.

A. DISCUSSION OF APPLICATIONS

1. Order of the discussion of applications

At the 789th meeting on 9 September 1957, the Council adopted the following agenda:

"Admission of new Members:

"(a) Resolution 1017(XI)A of the General Assembly, adopted on 28 February 1957; letter dated 4 March 1957 of the Secretary-General (S/3803); letter dated 4 September 1957 from the representative of the United States of America addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/3880)

"(b) Resolution 1017(XI)B of the General Assembly, adopted on 28 February 1957; letter dated 4 March 1957 of the Secretary-General (S/3803);

of the United States of America addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/3881)

"(c) Cablegram dated 1 September 1957 from the Foreign Minister of the Mongolian People's Republic addressed to the President of the Security Council concerning its application for membership (S/3872); Letter dated 2 September 1957 from the same

ministry proposed that the Council "postpone a decision on the question of the admission of Viet-Nam membership in the United Nations until the country had become unified".

addressed to the Secretary-General (S/3877)"

The representative of the USSR suggested that the Council discuss the three sub-items simultaneously and then proceed to separate votes.

"I wish to remind the Council that, under subparagraph 5 of rule 22 of the rules of procedure, the representative of the Soviet Union has proposed that the Council should postpone discussion of this question until Viet-Nam has been unified through free elections..."<sup>21</sup>

The President (Cuba) expressed the view that "...in accordance with the practice followed by the Security Council, the sub-items should be discussed separately", and that that would also be in accordance with the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice.<sup>17</sup>

The USSR proposal, as formulated by the President, was rejected by 1 vote in favour to 10 against.

It was well established that each application should be considered on its own merits, and that that argued for separate individual consideration.

**3. Consideration of a proposal recommending the admission of a number of applicant States**

**CASE 9**

The representative of the USSR said that he would not object to the procedure proposed by the President, and expressed the wish that each applicant should be allowed to set forth its position in a single statement if it so wished.

At the 789th meeting on 9 September 1957, the Council had before it a joint draft resolution<sup>22</sup> by which it would recommend admission of the Republic of

The President then stated:

amendment<sup>23</sup> to this draft resolution, whereby the Council would recommend that the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Republic of Korea be

of its agenda. This, of course, does not preclude members from making statements on the subject.

amendment<sup>23</sup> to this draft resolution, whereby the Council would recommend that the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Republic of Korea be

The Council proceeded accordingly.<sup>18</sup>

**CASE 10**

**\*\*2. Documentation submitted to the Security Council**

At the 843rd meeting on December 1958, the Council had before it a joint draft resolution<sup>24</sup> whereby it would recommend admission of the Republic of Korea. The representative of the USSR submitted an amendment<sup>25</sup> to this draft resolution, by which the Council would recommend that the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Republic of Korea be admitted simultaneously. The USSR amendment was rejected by 1 vote in favour to 8 against, with 2 abstentions.

**B. VOTING ON APPLICATIONS**

**\*\*1. Omission of voting on applications when previous position of members is unchanged**

At the 790th meeting on 8 September 1957 (see applications.<sup>19</sup> The relevant draft resolutions and amendments were discussed and voted on separately.

**CASE 8**

Cases 3-5 above), the representative of the USSR for-

**\*\*5. Conflict between a proposal to recommend admission and a proposal to postpone voting**

<sup>17</sup> ICJ Reports, 1948.

<sup>21</sup> 790th meeting: para. 54.

<sup>18</sup> For texts of relevant statements, see:

<sup>22</sup> S 3884, O.R., 12th year, Suppl. for July-Sept. 1957, p. 37.

790th meeting: President (Cuba) para. 10; USSR para. 1.

See also 1958.

**\*\*Part VI**

**THE ROLE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE SECURITY COUNCIL**