

Chapter IV

VOTING

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INTRODUCTORY NOTE

This chapter contains material from the *Official Records* relating to the practice of the Council under Article 27 of the Charter. The arrangement of the material in this chapter follows that of the corresponding chapter in earlier volumes of the *Repertoire*.

from proceedings in which a proposal, having been put to the vote, has failed to obtain nine votes in its favour.

Part I section A, comprises an instance (case 1) wherein the adoption of a proposal, obtained through

whether a matter is procedural within the meaning of Article 27, paragraph 2, has been found for the period under review. Part III is concerned with the abstention

in the decision and does not constitute a general proposition as to the procedural character of future proposals which might be deemed to fall under the

Material relating to voting in connexion with the election of Judges under Article 10 of the Statute of the International Court of Justice is included in chapter VI part I section D. Chapter VII parts I

where the rejection of a proposal, having obtained nine or more votes with one or more permanent members casting a negative vote, indicated the non-procedural character of the decision. During the period under

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are therefore restricted to a reference whereby the draft resolution or proposal and the vote thereon may

most of the occasions on which the Council has voted afford no indication of the attitude of the Council

of this *Supplement*.

of the matter voted upon. Where a decision has been

on which permanent members ~~have~~ abstained volun-

from the vote. Nor can any indication be obtained

a vote.

Part I

PROCEDURAL AND NON-PROCEDURAL MATTERS

A. CASES IN WHICH THE VOTE INDICATED THE PROCEDURAL CHARACTER OF THE MATTER

CASE 1

At the 1554th meeting on 10 October 1970 in connexion with the application by Fiji for admission to membership in the United Nations, the Council decided to suspend rule 59 of the Security Council's provisional

****1. Inclusion of items in the agenda**

of a permanent member.¹

****2. Order of items on the agenda**

****10. Convocation of an emergency special session of the General Assembly**

****3. Deferral or consideration of items on the agenda**

****4. Removal of an item from the list of matters**

****6. Suspension of a meeting**

Security Council under its responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security

****7. Adjournment of a meeting**

9. Conduct of business

¹ 1554th meeting, para. 62.

Rejection of draft resolution submitted by Burundi, Nepal, Sierra Leone, Syria and Zambia in connexion with the situation in Southern Rhodesia.²

Leone, and Somalia in connexion with the situation in the India/Pakistan subcontinent.⁵

CASE 3

Decision of 10 November 1970 (1556th meeting):

Nepal, Sierra Leone, Syria and Zambia in connexion with the situation in Southern Rhodesia.³

Decision of 4 December 1971 (1606th meeting):
Rejection of draft resolution submitted by the United States in connexion with the situation in the India/Pakistan subcontinent.⁴

Rejection of draft resolution submitted by Argentina, Belgium, Burundi, Italy, Japan, Nicaragua, Sierra

² 1534th meeting, para. 207. For vote on the draft resolution, see chapter VIII, part II, p. 130.

³ 1556th meeting, para. 212. For vote on the draft resolution

see chapter VIII, part II, p. 136.

CASE 6

Decision of 13 December 1971 (1613th meeting):

Rejection of draft resolution submitted by the United States in connexion with the situation in the India/Pakistan subcontinent.⁵

CASE 7

Decision of 30 December 1971 (1623rd meeting):

Sierra Leone, Somalia and Syria in connexion with the situation in Southern Rhodesia.⁷

****2. In connexion with other matters considered**

****1. In connexion with admission of new members**

**** (b) IN CONNEXION WITH APPOINTMENT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL**

⁵ 1607th meeting, para. 240. For vote on the draft resolution, see chapter VIII, part II, p. 158.

⁶ 1613th meeting, para. 231. For vote on the draft resolution

see chapter VIII, part II, p. 158.

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**Part II

~~PROCEEDINGS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL REGARDING VOTING~~ UPON THE QUESTION WHETHER THE MATTER WAS PROCEDURAL WITHIN THE MEANING OF ARTICLE 27, PARAGRAPH 2, OF THE CHARTER

****A. PROCEEDINGS ON OCCASIONS WHEN THE SECURITY COUNCIL VOTED ON "THE PRELIMINARY QUESTION"**

****B. CONSIDERATION OF PROCEDURES INVOLVED IN VOTING ON "THE PRELIMINARY QUESTION"**

****1. Consideration of the order in which the matter itself, and the question whether the matter is procedural, should be voted upon.**

Part III

ABSTENTION AND ABSENCE IN RELATION TO ARTICLE 27, PARAGRAPH 3 OF THE CHARTER

****1. Cases in which members have abstained in accordance with the proviso of Article 27, paragraph 3**

B. VOLUNTARY ABSTENTION IN RELATION TO ARTICLE 27, PARAGRAPH 3

1. Certain cases in which permanent members have abstained otherwise than in accordance with the proviso of Article 27, paragraph 3

Decision of 1 April 1969 (1473rd meeting): Draft resolution submitted by Belgium, Senegal and Zambia, as amended.⁸

CASE 9

Decision of 24 June 1969 (1481st meeting): Draft

⁸ 1473rd meeting, para. 92. For vote on the draft resolution, see chapter VIII, part II, p. 110.

SITUATION IN SOUTHERN RHODESIA

CASE 23

Decision of 10 November 1970 (1556th meeting): Draft resolution submitted by Burundi, Nepal, Sierra Leone, Syria and Zambia.²⁹

COMPLAINT BY GUINEA

CASE 24

Decision of 22-23 November 1970 (1558th meeting): Oral amendment by the United States to the draft resolution submitted by Burundi, Nepal, Sierra Leone, Syria and Zambia.³⁰

Decision of 8 December 1970 (1563rd meeting): Draft resolution submitted by Burundi, Nepal, Sierra Leone, Syria and Zambia.³¹

COMPLAINT BY SENEGAL

CASE 26

SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST

CASE 27

Decisions of 25 September 1971 (1582nd meeting):

mitted by Somalia.³³

on paragraph 5).³⁴

SITUATION IN NAMIBIA

CASE 28

Decision of 20 October 1971 (1598th meeting):

COMPLAINT BY SENEGAL

CASE 29

Decision of 24 November 1971 (1601st meeting): Draft resolution submitted by Burundi, Sierra Leone and Somalia, as amended.³⁶

SITUATION IN THE INDIA/PAKISTAN SUBCONTINENT

Decision of 4 December 1971 (1606th meeting): Draft resolution submitted by the United States.³⁷

²⁹ 1556th meeting, para. 212. For vote on the draft resolution, see chapter VIII, part II, p. 127.

³⁰ 1558th meeting, para. 100. For vote on the amendment, see chapter VIII, part II, p. 147.

tion, see chapter VIII, part II, p. 148.

³² 1572nd meeting, para. 85. For vote on the draft resolution, see chapter VIII, part II, p. 143.

³³ 1582nd meeting, para. 335. For vote on the draft resolution, see chapter VIII, part II, p. 120.

tion (paragraph 5), see chapter VIII, part II, p. 120.

³⁵ 1598th meeting, para. 31. For vote on the draft resolution, see chapter VIII, part II, p. 107.

³⁶ 1601st meeting, para. 38. For vote on the draft resolution, see chapter VIII, part II, p. 144.

CASE 31

Decisions of 5 December 1971 (1607th meeting):

- (i) Draft resolution submitted by the Soviet Union.³⁸
- (ii) Draft resolution submitted by Argentina, Belgium, Burundi, Italy, Japan, Nicaragua, Sierra Leone and Somalia.³⁹

CASE 32

Decision of 6 December 1971 (1608th meeting): Draft resolution submitted by Argentina, Burundi, Japan, Nicaragua, Sierra Leone and Somalia.⁴⁰

CASE 33

Decision of 13 December 1971 (1613th meeting): Draft resolution as revised, submitted by the United States.⁴¹

pan, Nicaragua, Sierra Leone, and Somalia.⁴²

CASE 35

- (i) Draft resolution (second preambular paragraph) submitted by Burundi, Sierra Leone, Somalia and Syria.⁴³
- (ii) Draft resolution (fifth preambular paragraph)
- (iii) Draft resolution (paragraph 3) submitted by Burundi, Sierra Leone, Somalia and Syria.⁴⁵
- (iv) Draft resolution (paragraph 4) submitted by Burundi, Sierra Leone, Somalia and Syria.⁴⁶
- (v) Draft resolution (paragraph 5) submitted by Burundi, Sierra Leone, Somalia and Syria.⁴⁷
- (vi) Draft resolution (as a whole) submitted by

³⁸ 1607th meeting, para. 217. For vote on the draft resolution, see chapter VIII, part II, p. 159.

³⁹ 1607th meeting, para. 240. For vote on the draft resolution, see chapter VIII, part II, p. 159.

⁴⁰ 1608th meeting, para. 322. For vote on the draft resolution, see chapter VIII, part II, p. 160.

⁴¹ 1613th meeting, para. 231. For vote on the draft resolution, see chapter VIII, part II, p. 162.

see chapter VIII, part II, p. 164.

⁴³ 1623rd meeting, para. 267. For vote on the 2nd preambular paragraph, see chapter VIII, part II, p. 136.

⁴⁴ 1623rd meeting, para. 268. For vote on fifth preambular paragraph, see chapter VIII, part II, p. 136.

chapter VIII, part II, p. 136.

⁴⁶ 1623rd meeting, para. 270. For vote on paragraph 4, see chapter VIII, part II, p. 136.

⁴⁷ 1623rd meeting, para. 271. For vote on paragraph 5, see chapter VIII, part II, p. 136.

****2. Consideration of the practice of voluntary abstention in relation to Article 27, paragraph 3**

CYPRUS QUESTION

CASE 36

ABSTENTION OR NON-PARTICIPATION OF PERMANENT MEMBERS IN RELATION TO ARTICLE 27.

Decision of 13 December 1971 (1612th meeting).

- I. Certain cases in which permanent members have been absent or have not participated in the vote

⁴⁹ 1612th meeting, para. 6. One permanent member did not participate in the voting. For vote on the draft resolution, see Chapter VIII, part II, p. 129.