

Chapter IV

VOTING

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

This chapter contains material from the *Official Record* relating to the practice of the Security Council under

which in this chapter basically follows that of the corres-

except that, in view of the recent trend in the Security Council to adopt its decisions by consensus or without vote, this material is also included as part IV.

in voting upon the question whether a matter is procedural within the meaning of Article 27, paragraph 2.

tion or absence of a Council member in relation to the requirements of Article 27, paragraph 3. The new part IV deals with decisions adopted by consensus or without

material relating to voting in connection 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 E. Chapter VII, part I, contains material on the voting procedure employed by the Council in

procedural: this uncertainty exists when a proposal is

Part I, section A, comprises one instance wherein the vote indicated the procedural character of the decision:

adopted despite the negative vote of one or more perma-

Part I, section B, lists instances where the vote revealed the non-procedural nature of the decision: the proposal obtained nine or more votes in favour, but was rejected owing to the negative vote of one or more

Article 27, paragraph 3. However, on two occasions (cases 1 and 2) the question of abstention in accordance

was discussed.

Part III, section B,² lists those occasions on which permanent members obtained voluntarily or did not

Part IV, section A, lists cases when the Council adopted resolutions and decisions by consensus.

Part IV, section B, comprises resolutions adopted without vote. There were no other decisions adopted without vote during the period under review.

themselves from matters under consideration.

Part I

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PROCEDURAL AND NON-PROCEDURAL MATTERS

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

1. Inclusion of items in the agenda

At the 1934th meeting, on 6 August 1975 (para. 86), in connection with the

Nam for admission to membership in the United Nations, the provisional agenda as a whole, as amended (comprising items 2 and 3 exclusively), was adopted by the Council, notwithstanding the negative vote of a permanent member.

**2. Order of items on the agenda

**3. Deferment of consideration of items on the agenda

114. Removal of an item from the list of matters of which the Security Council is seized

**6. Suspension of a meeting

**7. Adjournment of a meeting

8. Invitation to participate in the proceedings

Situation in the Middle East	Parliamentary Organization (PLO)	Date	Vote	Members
East	PLO	1993, 25 March 1977	10-1-4	1
	PLO	2071, 17 March 1978	10-1-4	1
	PLO	2086, 19 September 1978	10-1-4	1
	PLO	2113, 19 January 1979	10-1-4	1
	PLO	2146, 31 May 1979	10-1-4	1
	PLO	2164, 29 August 1979	10-1-4	1
	PLO	2180, 19 December 1979	10-1-4	1
	PLO	2213, 14 April 1980	10-1-4	1
	PLO	2233, 24 June 1980	10-1-4	1
	PLO	2245, 20 August 1980	10-1-4	1
Middle East problem including the Palestinian question	PLO	1870, 12 January 1976	11-1-3	1
Request by the Libyan	PLO	1893, 22 March 1976	11-1-3	1
Pakistan for consideration of the situation arising from recent developments in the occupied Arab territories				
Situation in the occupied Arab territories	PLO	1916, 4 May 1976	11-1-3	1
	PLO	1966, 1 November 1976	11-1-3	1
	PLO	2123, 9 March 1979	10-1-4	1
	PLO	2146, 31 May 1979	10-1-4	1
	PLO	2221, 8 May 1980	10-1-4	1
	PLO	2222, 20 May 1980	10-1-4	1
	PLO	2226, 5 June 1980	10-1-4	1
by the Palestinian people of its inalienable	PLO	2041, 27 October 1977	10-1-4	1
	PLO	2155, 29 June 1979	10-1-4	1

At the 2071st meeting, on 17 March 1978, in connection with the situation in the Middle East, a vote was taken concerning the seating of an invited representative

****9. Conduct of business**

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

At the 2190th meeting, on 9 January 1980,⁴ in connection with the letter dated 2 January 1980 from 52 Member States regarding Afghanistan, a resolution calling notwithstanding the negative vote of one permanent member

⁴2190th mtg. and Corr.1 and Add.1, para. 178.

B. CASES IN WHICH THE VOTE INDICATED THE NON-PROCEDURAL CHARACTER OF THE MATTER

1. In connection with matters considered by the Security Council under its responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security

Permanent member

<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Meeting and date</i>	<i>Decisions (draft resolutions, etc)</i>	<i>Submitted by</i>	<i>Vote</i>	<i>Permanent members casting negative vote</i>
Middle East problem including the Palestinian question	1879, 26 January 1976	S/11940	6-Power	9-1-3	1
Situation in the Comoros	1888, 6 February 1976	S/11967	5-Power	11-1-3	1
Request by the Libyan Arab	1899, 25 March 1976	S/12022	5-Power	14-1-0	1
territories					
Question of the exercise by the Palestinian people of its inalienable rights	1938, 29 June 1976 2220, 30 April 1980	S/12119 S/13911	4-Power 1-Power	10-1-4 10-1-4	1 1
Question of South Africa	2045, 31 October 1977 2045, 31 October 1977 2045, 31 October 1977	S/12310/Rev.1 S/12311/Rev.1 S/12312/Rev.1	3-Power 3-Power 3-Power	10-5-0 10-5-0 10-5-0	3 3 3
Foreign Affairs of Democratic Kampuchea					
Situation in South-East Asia and its implications for international peace and security	2129, 16 March 1979	S/13162	5-Power	13-2-0	1
Letter dated 3 January 1980 from 52 Member States	2190, 7 January 1980	S/13729	6-Power	13-2-0	1
Letter dated 25 November 1979 from the Secretary-General and letter dated 22 December 1979 from the representative of the United States	2191, 13 January 1980	S/13733	1-Power	10-2-2	1

2. In connection with other matters considered by the Security Council

(a) IN CONNECTION WITH THE ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS TO THE UNITED NATIONS

<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Meeting and date</i>	<i>Decisions (draft resolutions, etc)</i>	<i>Submitted by</i>	<i>Vote</i>	<i>Permanent members casting negative vote</i>
Applications of the Republic of South Viet Nam and the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam	1836, 11 August 1975 1836, 11 August 1975 1846, 30 September 1975 1846, 30 September 1975	S/11795 S/11796 S/11832 S/11833	9-Power 9-Power 9-Power 9-Power	13-1-1 13-1-1 14-1-0 14-1-0	1 1 1 1
Application of Angola	1937, 23 June 1976	S/12110	6-Power	13-1-0	1
Republic of Viet Nam					

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

**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

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

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

**2. Consideration whether the decision that the matter was procedural was itself a procedural decision

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1. **Certain cases in which permanent members abstained or did not participate otherwise than in accordance with the Rules of Procedure**

In three particular cases regarding the admission of new members to the United Nations (Comoros—1848th meeting, 17 October 1975, resolution 376 (1975); Angola—

and Angola—1779th meeting, 22 November 1976, resolution 397 (1976)) a permanent member did not participate in the vote.

Column (a) of the tabulation hereunder lists certain cases in which permanent members abstained otherwise

For the details of voting, see the relevant sections of chapter VIII, part II.

Column (b) of the tabulation hereunder lists certain

Agenda item	Meeting and date	Decision, resolution, amendment, etc.	Submitted by	Vote	Voluntary abstention (a)	Non-participation (b)	
Middle East	1822, 28 May 1975	369 (1975)	—	13-0-0 ^a	—	1	
	1832, 21 July 1975	Appeal to the President of Egypt on behalf of the Council	—	13-0-0 ^a	—	1	
	1833, 24 July 1975	371 (1975)	—	13-0-0 ^a	—	1	
	1851, 23 October 1975	378 (1975)	—	13-0-0 ^a	—	1	
	1856, 30 November 1975	381 (1975)	4-Power	13-0-0 ^a	—	1	
	1862, 8 December 1975	S/11901, para. 4	1-Power	7-0-6 ^a	1	1	
			amendment				
	1862, 8 December 1975	S/11901, para. 5	1-Power	7-0-6 ^a	1	1	
			amendment				
	1923, 28 May 1976	390 (1976)	6-Power	13-0-0 ^a	—	1	
	1964, 22 October 1976	396 (1976)	—	13-0-0 ^a	—	1	
	1975, 30 November 1976	398 (1976)	—	12-0-0 ^b	—	1	
	2010, 26 May 1977	408 (1977)	—	12-0-0 ^b	—	1	
	2035, 21 October 1977	416 (1977)	—	13-0-0 ^a	—	1	
	2051, 30 November 1977	420 (1977)	—	12-0-0 ^b	—	1	
	2074, 19 March 1978	425 (1978)	1-Power	12-0-2	1	1	
	2075, 19 March 1978	426 (1978)	1-Power	12-0-2	1	1	
	2076, 3 May 1978	427 (1978)	3-Power	12-0-2	1	1	
	2079, 31 May 1978	429 (1978)	—	14-0-0	—	1	
	2085, 18 September 1978	434 (1978)	1-Power	12-0-2 ^a	1	1	
	2091, 23 October 1978	438 (1978)	—	12-0-2 ^a	1	1	
	2101, 30 November 1978	441 (1978)	—	14-0-0	—	1	
	2113, 19 January 1979	444 (1979)	—	12-0-2 ^a	1	1	
	2145, 30 May 1979	449 (1979)	—	14-0-0	—	1	
	2149, 14 June 1979	450 (1979)	—	12-0-2 ^a	1	1	
	2174, 30 November 1979	456 (1979)	—	14-0-0	—	1	
	2180, 19 December 1979	459 (1979)	—	12-0-2 ^a	1	—	
	2218, 24 April 1980	467 (1980)	—	12-0-3	2	—	
	2224, 30 May 1980	470 (1980)	—	14-0-0	—	1	
	2232, 17 June 1980	474 (1980)	—	12-0-2	1	1	
2242, 30 June 1980	476 (1980)	38-Power	14-0-1	1	—		
2245, 20 August 1980	478 (1980)	—	14-0-1	1	—		
2256, 26 November 1980	481 (1980)	—	14-0-0	—	1		
2258, 17 December 1980	483 (1980)	—	12-0-2	1	1		
Situation in Cyprus	1850, 13 June 1975	376 (1975)	—	14-0-0	—	1	
	1863, 13 December 1975	383 (1975)	—	13-0-0 ^a	—	1	
	1927, 15 June 1976	391 (1976)	—	13-0-0 ^a	—	1	
	1979, 14 December 1976	401 (1976)	—	14-0-0	—	1	
	2012, 15 June 1977	410 (1977)	—	14-0-0	—	1	
	2054, 15 December 1977	422 (1977)	—	14-0-0	—	1	
	2080, 16 June 1978	430 (1978)	—	14-0-0	—	1	
	2107, 14 December 1978	443 (1978)	—	14-0-0	—	1	
	2150, 15 June 1979	451 (1979)	—	14-0-0	—	1	
	2179, 14 December 1979	458 (1979)	—	14-0-0	—	1	
2230, 13 June 1980	472 (1980)	—	14-0-0	—	1		
Middle East problem including the question	1879, 26 January 1976	S/11942	1-Power	4-2-9	2	—	
			amendment				
Situation in the Comoros	1888, 6 February 1976	S/11967	5-Power	11-1-3	2	—	

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Complaint by Kenya concerning aggression by South Africa against Angola	1906, 31 March 1976	387 (1976)	6-Power	9-0-5	3	1
Situation in Timor	1914, 22 April 1976	389 (1976)	2-Power	12-0-2 ^c	1	—
Complaint by Mauritius, current Chairman of OAU, of the "act of aggression" by Israel against Uganda	1943, 14 July 1976	S/12138	2-Power	6-0-2 ^d	—	2
Complaint by Zambia against South Africa	1948, 30 July 1976	393 (1976)	7-Power	14-0-1	1	—
Complaint by	1985, 14 January 1977	403 (1977)	8-Power	12-0-2	2	—
Situation in Southern Rhodesia	2034, 29 September 1977	415 (1977)	1-Power	13-0-1	1	1
	2067, 14 March 1978	423 (1978)	7-Power	10-0-5	3	—
	2090, 10 October 1978	437 (1978)	4-Power	11-0-4	2	—
	2122, 8 March 1979	445 (1979)	7-Power	12-0-3	3	—
	2143, 30 April 1979	448 (1979)	7-Power	12-0-3	3	—
	2181, 21 December 1979	460 (1979)	—	13-0-2	1	—
	2196, 2 February 1980	463 (1980)	7-Power	14-0-0	—	1
Situation in Namibia	2082, 27 July 1978	431 (1978)	—	13-0-2	1	—
	2087, 29 September 1978	435 (1978)	8-Power	12-0-2	1	1
	2098, 13 November 1978	439 (1978)	4-Power	10-0-5	3	—
Situation in the occupied Arab territories	2134, 22 March 1979	446 (1979)	4-Power	12-0-3	2	—
	2159, 20 July 1979	452 (1979)	—	14-0-1	1	—
	2221, 8 May 1980	468 (1980)	—	14-0-1	1	—
	2222, 20 May 1980	469 (1980)	—	14-0-1	1	—
	2226, 5 June 1980	471 (1980)	—	14-0-1	1	—
Complaint by Angola against South Africa	2139, 28 March 1979	447 (1979)	7-Power	12-0-3	3	—
	2170, 2 November 1979	454 (1979)	6-Power	12-0-3	3	—
	2240, 27 June 1980	475 (1980)	7-Power	12-0-3	3	—
Letter dated 25 November 1979 from the Secretary-General and letter dated 22 December 1979 from the representative of the United States	2184, 31 December 1979	461 (1979)	1-Power	11-0-4	1	—
	2191, 13 January 1980	S/13735	1-Power	10-2-2	—	1
Question of the	2220, 20 April 1980	S/13711	1-Power	10-1-1	2	—
of its inalienable rights						

^a Two members did not participate in the vote.

^b Three members did not participate in the vote.

^c One member did not participate in the vote.

^d Seven members did not participate in the vote.

****2. Consideration of the practice of voluntary abstention, non-participation or absence of permanent members in relation to Article 27, paragraph 3**

Part IV

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS AND DECISIONS BY CONSENSUS OR WITHOUT VOTE

The resolutions and decisions adopted by consensus or without vote are presented below in tabular form in order to document the various types of decisions.

Question of South Africa (continued)	2168, 21 September 1979	S/13549, incorporated in the record of the 2168th mtg., para. 1
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*It was specifically pointed out in this statement that it represented the consensus of the members of the Council.

(b) STATEMENTS ISSUED ONLY AS SECURITY COUNCIL DOCUMENTS

<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Document number</i>
Letter dated 25 November 1979 from the Secretary-General and letter dated 22 Decem- ber 1979 from the represen- tative of the United States	9 November 1979	S/13615
Situation in Namibia	28 November 1979	S/13657
Situation between Iran and Iraq	23 September 1980 5 November 1980	S/14190 S/14244

2. Statements agreed upon by the Security Council with some members dissociating themselves from the matter

<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Meeting and date</i>	<i>Document and/or meeting number</i>
Situation in the Middle East	1975, 30 November 1976	1975th mtg., para. 2
	2010, 26 May 1976	2010th mtg., para. 7
	2035, 21 October 1977	2035th mtg., para. 3
	2051, 30 November 1978	2051st mtg., para. 8
	2079, 31 May 1978	S/12724, incorporated in the record of the 2079th mtg., para. 3
	2101, 30 November 1978	S/12943, incorporated in the record of the 2101st mtg., para. 3
	2145, 30 May 1979	S/13362, incorporated in the record of the 2145th mtg., para. 4