



SUMMARY STATEMENT BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON MATTERS OF  
WHICH THE SECURITY COUNCIL IS SEIZED AND ON THE STAGE  
REACHED IN THEIR CONSIDERATION

Pursuant to rule 11 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Security Council, the Secretary-General submits the following statement on matters of which the Security Council is seized and the stage reached in their consideration on 21 November 1953.

1. The Iranian question (see S/1456).
2. Special agreements under Article 43 and the organization of armed forces made available to the Security Council (see S/1456).
3. Rules of procedure of the Security Council (see S/1456).
4. Statute and rules of procedure of the Military Staff Committee (see S/1456).
5. The regulation and reduction of conventional armaments and armed forces (see S/1456 and S/2527).
6. Appointment of a Governor for the Free Territory of Trieste (see S/1456, S/3114, S/3123 and S/3135).
7. The Egyptian question (see S/1456).
8. The Indonesian question (see S/1456).
9. Voting procedure in the Security Council (see S/1456).
10. Procedure in application of Articles 87 and 88 of the Charter with regard to the Pacific Islands under strategic trusteeship of the United States of America (see S/1450).
11. Applications for membership (see S/1456, S/2451 and S/2679).
12. The Palestine question (see S/1456, S/1864, S/1878, S/1904, S/1912, S/2104, S/2114, S/2150, S/2164, S/2268, S/2280, S/2303, S/2325, S/3123, S/3134 and S/3138).

At the 638th meeting on 16 November 1953 the Security Council continued its general debate on the sub-item entitled "Compliance with and enforcement of the General Armistice Agreements, with special reference to recent acts of violence, and in particular to the incident at Qibiya on 14-15 October: report by the Chief of Staff of the Truce Supervision Organization.

On 18 November a draft resolution (S/3139) was circulated in the name of the delegations of France, the United Kingdom, and the United States of America. It provided, inter alia, that the Security Council, recalling its previous resolutions on the Palestine question and noting the recent reports by the Chief of Staff and the statements to the Council by the representatives of Jordan and Israel: (A) finds that the retaliatory action at Qibiya taken by armed forces of Israel constitutes a violation of the cease-fire provisions of the Council's resolution of 15 July 1948 and is inconsistent with the parties' obligations under the General Armistice Agreement and the Charter, expresses the strongest censure of that action which can only prejudice the chances of the peaceful settlement which both parties are bound to seek, and calls upon Israel to take effective measures to prevent all such actions in the future; (B) takes note of the fact that there is substantial evidence of crossing of the demarcation line by unauthorized persons often resulting in acts of violence, and requests the Government of Jordan to continue and strengthen the measures which they are already taking to prevent such crossings, recalls to the Governments of Israel and Jordan their obligations to prevent all acts of violence on either side of the demarcation line, and calls upon those Governments to ensure the effective co-operation of local security forces; and (C) reaffirms that it is essential in order to achieve progress by peaceful means toward a lasting settlement of the issues outstanding between them that the parties abide by their obligations under the General Armistice Agreement and the Council's resolutions, emphasizes the obligation of the Governments of Israel and Jordan to co-operate fully with the Chief of Staff, requests the Secretary-General to consider with the Chief of Staff the best ways of strengthening the Truce Supervision Organization and to furnish such additional personnel and assistance as the Chief of Staff may require for the

performance of his duties, and requests the Chief of Staff to report to the Council within three months with such recommendations as he may consider appropriate on compliance with and enforcement of the General Armistice Agreements with particular reference to the provisions of this draft resolution.

At the 640th meeting on 20 November, the three sponsors of the above draft resolution made statements introducing it to the Security Council. The Council then continued its general debate on the subject.

At the 639th meeting on 18 November the Council continued its general debate on the complaint by Syria against Israel concerning work on the West bank of the River Jordan in the Demilitarized Zone.

13. The India-Pakistan question (see S/1456, S/1463, S/1472, S/1479, S/2025, S/2058, S/2070, S/2132, S/2416, S/2527, S/2845, and S/2890).
14. The Czechoslovak question (see S/1456).
15. The question of the Free Territory of Trieste (see S/1456).
16. The Hyderabad question (see S/1456).
17. Identic notifications dated 29 September 1948 from the Governments of the French Republic, the United Kingdom and the United States of America to the Secretary-General (see S/1456).
18. International control of atomic energy (see S/1456).
19. Complaint of armed invasion of Taiwan (Formosa) (see S/1774, S/1785, S/1831, S/1912 and S/1928).
20. Complaint of bombing by air forces of the territory of China (see S/1774, S/1785, S/1803 and S/1811).
21. Complaint of failure by the Iranian Government to comply with provisional measures indicated by the International Court of Justice in the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company case (see S/2364 and S/2398).
22. Question of appeal to States to accede to and ratify the Geneva Protocol of 1925 for the prohibition of the use of bacterial weapons (see S/2679 and S/2687).
23. Question of request for investigation of alleged bacterial warfare (see S/2687 and S/2693).

