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SPECIAL REPORT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
CONCERNING THE APPLICATION OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF
BANGLADESH FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE UNITED NATIONS

1. In a letter dated 8 August 1972 addressed to the Secretary-General, the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of Bangladesh submitted an application of the People's Republic of Bangladesh for membership in the United Nations (A/8754-S/10759).
2. At its 1658th meeting, on 10 August, the Security Council included the question in its agenda by 11 votes (Argentina, Belgium, France, India, Italy, Japan, Panama, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America and Yugoslavia) to 1 (China), with three members (Guinea, Somalia and Sudan) not participating in the vote, and decided to refer the application to the Committee on the Admission of New Members for consideration and report.
3. The Committee submitted its report on the application to the Security Council on 23 August (S/10773).
4. On 21 August, the delegation of China submitted a draft resolution (S/10768 and Corr.1) whereby the Council would decide to postpone consideration of the matter pending the full implementation of General Assembly resolution 2793 (XXVI) and Security Council resolution 307 (1971).
5. On 23 August, the delegations of India, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Yugoslavia submitted a draft resolution (S/10771) whereby the Security Council would recommend to the General Assembly the admission of the People's Republic of Bangladesh to membership in the United Nations.
6. The Security Council continued its consideration of the question at its 1659th meeting, on 24 August. The representative of the Sudan moved that, before voting on any of the draft resolutions before the Council, the meeting be adjourned in accordance with rule 33, paragraph 3, of the provisional rules of procedure, until the following afternoon. The Council adopted the motion by 9 votes

(Argentina, Belgium, China, Guinea, Italy, Japan, Somalia, Sudan and United States of America) to 4 (India, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Yugoslavia), with 2 abstentions (France and Panama).

7. At the 1650th meeting, on 25 August, the representative of Somalia introduced an amendment (S/10775), sponsored also by Guinea and the Sudan, to the four-Power draft resolution (S/10771), which would have made the recommendation contained in the draft resolution subject to the immediate implementation of the provisions of the Geneva Convention of 1949 relating to prisoners of war.

8. Following further discussion, the draft resolution sponsored by China (S/10768 and Corr.1) was put to the vote. It received 3 votes in favour (China, Guinea and Sudan), 3 against (India, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and Yugoslavia), with 9 abstentions (Argentina, Belgium, France, Italy, Japan, Panama, Somalia, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America), and therefore was rejected having failed to obtain the required majority.

9. The Security Council then proceeded to vote on the draft resolution sponsored by India, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Yugoslavia (S/10771), and the amendment thereto submitted by Guinea, Somalia and the Sudan (S/10775). The three-Power amendment received 4 votes in favour (Guinea, Somalia, Sudan and United States of America), 4 against (India, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Yugoslavia), with 7 abstentions (Argentina, Belgium, China, France, Italy, Japan and Panama), and was therefore rejected having failed to obtain the required majority. The four-Power draft resolution received 11 votes in favour (Argentina, Belgium, France, India, Italy, Japan, Panama, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America and Yugoslavia), 1 against (China), with 3 abstentions (Guinea, Somalia and Sudan), and therefore was rejected owing to the negative vote of a permanent member of the Security Council.

10. Accordingly, the Security Council does not recommend the applicant State for membership, and it decided at the same meeting to submit this report to the General Assembly in accordance with the third paragraph of rule 60 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Security Council. The relevant records may be found in documents S/PV.1658-1660.
