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ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS

APPLICATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE UNITED NATIONS

Special report of the Security Council

By a letter dated 19 January 1949 (S/1238) addressed to the Secretary-General, the Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea applied, on behalf of his Government, for the admission of the Republic of Korea to membership in the United Nations. A declaration of acceptance of the obligations contained in the Charter was submitted with the application.

On 15 February, the Security Council, by 9 votes to 2 (Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic and Union of Soviet Socialist Republics), decided to refer the application to the Committee on the Admission of New Members.

On 9 March, the Committee on the Admission of New Members submitted its report (S/1281) to the Security Council. During the Council's discussion of the Committee's report on 8 April, the representative of China submitted a draft resolution recommending to the General Assembly that the Republic of Korea should be admitted to membership. This resolution received 9 votes in favour and 2 against (Ukrainian SSR and USSR). Because of the negative vote of a permanent member of the Council the draft resolution was not adopted.

In accordance with rule 60, paragraph 3, of the provisional rules of procedure of the Security Council, the report of the Committee on the Admission of New Members (S/1281) and the summary record of its 29th meeting (S/C.2/SR.29) as well as the verbatim records of the 409th and 423rd meetings of the Council (S/PV.409 and S/PV.423)* are transmitted to the General Assembly for its information.

* See Official Records of the Security Council, Fourth Year, No. 12 and No. 26.