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ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS

RECONSIDERATION OF THE APPLICATIONS OF ALBANIA, AUSTRIA, BULGARIA, CEYLON, FINLAND, HUNGARY, IRELAND, ITALY, MONGOLIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC, PORTUGAL, ROUMANIA AND TRANSJORDAN FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE UNITED NATIONS

Special report of the Security Council

1. On 8 December 1948 the General Assembly adopted a series of resolutions on the admission of new Members (197 (III)).
2. In resolution 197 (III) B the General Assembly asked the Security Council to reconsider, taking into account the circumstances in each particular case, the applications for membership in the United Nations which had not been recommended by the Security Council, and which were mentioned in its special reports (A/617 and 618).
3. In resolutions 197 (III) C to I the General Assembly requested the Security Council to reconsider the applications of Portugal, Transjordan, Italy, Finland, Ireland, Austria and Ceylon^{1/}.
4. The following countries renewed their applications for admission to membership in the United Nations:
 - (i) The People's Republic of Bulgaria, by communications dated 22 September and 9 October 1948 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs (S/1012 and S/1012/Add.1).
 - (ii) Hungary, by communications dated 27 September and 8 October 1948 from the Hungarian Minister in Paris (S/1017 and S/1017/Add.1).
 - (iii) The People's Republic of Albania, by communications dated 12 October and 2 December 1948 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs (S/1033 and S/1105).
 - (iv) The Mongolian People's Republic, by communications dated 12 October and 25 October 1948 from the Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs (S/1035 and S/1035/Add.1).
 - (v) The People's Republic of Rumania, by communications dated 12 October and 9 November 1948 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs (S/1051 and S/1051/Add.1).

^{1/} By a letter dated 17 March 1949 the President of the Security Council informed the President of the General Assembly of the result of the reconsideration of the application of Ceylon (A/823).

5. The Security Council considered the above resolutions of the General Assembly and the applications for admission mentioned above at its 427th - 431st and 440th - 445th meetings held on 16, 21 and 24 June, 11 and 20 July, 9, 13 and 15 September 1949.

6. At the 427th meeting the representative of Argentina submitted seven draft resolutions recommending to the General Assembly the admission of Portugal (S/1331), Jordan (S/1332), Italy (S/1333), Finland (S/1334), Ireland (S/1335), Austria (S/1336) and Ceylon (S/1337).

7. At the 438th meeting the representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics submitted a draft resolution (S/1340) recommending to the General Assembly the admission of Albania, the Mongolian People's Republic, Bulgaria, Roumania, Hungary, Finland, Italy, Portugal, Ireland, Jordan, Austria and Ceylon.

8. At the 440th and 442nd meetings the representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics submitted revisions (S/1340/Rev.1 and S/1340/Rev.2) to his draft resolution, adding Nepal to the list of countries.

9. At the 443rd meeting the President ruled that the seven Argentine draft resolutions and the Soviet draft resolution should be put to the vote in the order in which they had been submitted. The representative of the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic challenged this ruling. Three votes (Norway, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic and Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) were cast in support of the challenge and 5 against, with 3 abstentions (China, Egypt, and the United Kingdom). Accordingly, the Council voted first on the Argentine draft resolutions. There being 9 votes in favour and 2 against (Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic and Union of Soviet Socialist Republics), none of these draft resolutions was adopted, as one of the votes against was that of a permanent member. The representative of the United States of America moved that the Soviet draft resolution be voted upon in parts. The representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics objected to this proposal on the ground that such a procedure would be contrary to the provisions of rule 32 of the provisional rules of procedure.

10. At the 444th meeting the representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics moved that the proposal of the United States was out of order and could not be put to the vote. This motion was rejected by 8 votes to 2 (Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic and Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) with 1 abstention (Argentina). The United States proposal received 8 votes in favour and 3 against (Egypt, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic and Union of Soviet Socialist Republics).

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11. At the 445th meeting the President invited the Council to decide by vote whether or not to recommend to the General Assembly that Albania, the Mongolian People's Republic, Bulgaria, Roumania and Hungary be admitted to the United Nations. A separate vote was taken on the five applications and the results were that: Albania received 2 votes in favour (Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic and Union of Soviet Socialist Republics), 1 against (Canada) and 8 abstentions; the Mongolian People's Republic received 2 votes in favour (Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic and Union of Soviet Socialist Republics), 2 against (Canada and China) and 7 abstentions; Bulgaria, Roumania and Hungary each received 3 votes in favour (Egypt, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic and Union of Soviet Socialist Republics), 1 against (Canada) and 7 abstentions.

12. The Soviet draft resolution as a whole was then put to the vote and rejected, there being 2 votes in favour (Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic and Union of Soviet Socialist Republics), 4 against (Canada, France, Norway and the United Kingdom) and 4 abstentions (China, Cuba, Egypt and the United States of America).

13. In accordance with rule 60, paragraph 3 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Security Council, the verbatim records of the 427th to 431st and 440th to 445th meetings* are transmitted to the General Assembly for its information.

* S/PV.427 to S/PV.431 and S/PV.440 to S/PV.445