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2243rd MEETING

Held in New York on Tuesday, 29 July 1980, at 11 a.m.

President: Mr. Carlos P. ROMULO (Philippines).

Present: The representatives of the following States: Bangladesh, China, France, German Democratic Republic, Jamaica, Mexico, Niger, Norway, Philippines, Portugal, Tunisia, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Zambia.

Provisional agenda (S/Agenda/2243)

1. Adoption of the agenda

 Admission of new Members: Telegram dated 17 July 1980 from the Prime Minister of Zimbabwe addressed to the Secretary-General (S/14064)

The meeting was called to order at 11.35 a.m.

Expression of thanks to the retiring President

1. The PRESIDENT: On behalf of the Security Council, I wish to take this first opportunity as President of the Council to express to Mr. Ålgård of Norway the deep appreciation of all the members of the Council for his outstanding services as President of the Council for the month of June. Mr. Ålgård conducted a heavy schedule of Council business with great diplomatic skill, patience and impartiality, and I would request the representative of Norway to convey to him our sincere gratitude for all his efforts.

Tribute to the memory of Sir Seretse Khama, President of Botswana, and Mr. Sharif Abdel-Hamid Sharaf, Prime Minister of Jordan

2. The PRESIDENT: Since our last meeting, members of the Security Council have learned with great sorrow of the recent passing away of the President of Botswana, Sir Seretse Khama, whose distinguished leadership had served the people and the Government of Botswana both before and after that country's attainment of independence. As a strong supporter of the United Nations, Sir Seretse Khama is deeply mourned by the international community. On behalf of the Council, I wish to express profound condolences to the Government and people of Botswana, and sincere sympathy to the bereaved family.

3. A second recent death, that of Mr. Sharif Abdel-Hamid Sharaf, the Prime Minister of Jordan, has also caused sorrow in these halls, where Mr. Sharaf was well known and respected as a distinguished statesman. I wish to extend to the Government and people of Jordan, on behalf of the Security Council, our profound condolences on their loss, and our deep sympathy to Mr. Sharaf's family.

[On the proposal of the President, the members of the Council, standing, observed a minute of silence in tribute to the memory of Sir Seretse Khama and Mr. Sharif Abdel-Hamid Sharaf.]

Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted.

Admission of new Members:

Telegram dated 17 July 1980 from the Prime Minister of Zimbabwe addressed to the Secretary-General (S/14064)

4. The PRESIDENT: In a telegram dated 17 July 1980, the Prime Minister of Zimbabwe submitted the application of his country for membership in the United Nations. I have been informed that the statement referred to in the last sentence of the telegram from the Prime Minister of Zimbabwe will be available to members of the Council tomorrow.

5. Under the provisions of rule 59 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Security Council, unless the Council decides otherwise, applications for membership shall be referred by the President of the Council to the Committee on the Admission of New Members. Accordingly, unless I hear a proposal to the contrary, I shall refer the application of Zimbabwe to the Committee on the Admission of New Members for examination and report.

6. The PRESIDENT: I would suggest that the members of the Committee on the Admission of New Members should meet this afternoon in order to examine the application of Zimbabwe and prepare the Committee's report to the Council.

It was so decided.

7. As there are no objections, the Committee on the Admission of New Members will meet at 3.30 p.m. today. I would request the Committee to prepare its report for consideration by the Security Council at a meeting which I intend to schedule for tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock.

The meeting rose at 11.40 a.m.

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