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SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PEACE-KEEPING OPERATIONS

SUMMARY RECORD OF THE EIGHTEENTH MEETING

Held at Headquarters, New York,  
on Tuesday, 31 August 1965, at 10.30 a.m.

PRESENT:

Chairman:

Mr. QUAISON-SACKEY Ghana

Members:

Mr. PAZHWAQ Afghanistan

Mr. HACENE Algeria

Mr. GARCIA DEL SOLAR Argentina

Mr. SHAW Australia

Mr. WALDHEIM Austria

Mr. CARVALHO SILOS Brazil

Mr. TREMBLAY Canada

Mr. HAJEK Czechoslovakia

Mr. VEGA-GOMEZ El Salvador

Mr. GEBRE-EGZY Ethiopia

Mr. SEYDOUX France

Mr. CSATORDAY Hungary

Mr. PARTHASARTHY India

Mr. PACHACHI Iraq

Mr. VINCI Italy

Mr. MATSUI Japan

Mr. MISKE Mauritania

Mr. CUEVAS CANCINO Mexico

Mr. QUARLES van UFFORD Netherlands

Mr. ABEBO Nigeria

Mr. Amjad ALI Pakistan

Mr. LEWANDOWSKI Poland

Mr. MORARU Romania

Mrs. COLLIER Sierra Leone

Mr. de PINIES Spain

Mr. HEDJIN Sweden

Mr. PACHARIYANGKUN Thailand

Mr. MOROZOV Union of Soviet Socialist  
Republics

Mr. HILMY II United Arab Republic

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PRESENT (continued):

<u>Members (continued):</u>	Lord CARADON	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
	Mr. GOLDBERG	United States of America
	Mr. ALVARADO	Venezuela
	Mr. CVOROVIC	Yugoslavia
<u>Secretariat:</u>	U THANT	Secretary-General
	Mr. VELLODI	Secretary of the Committee

Mr. SEYDOUX (France) referred to the explanation of his Government's position which had been given in the statements made on 23 April and 17 May. He noted with satisfaction that the General Assembly would be able to begin its work on the scheduled date and that the question of Article 19 would no longer be at issue. A major step forward had undoubtedly been taken since there was no longer any request that that Article should be applied in respect of the operations undertaken in the Middle East and the Congo. The Committee had been unable, however, to come to an agreement on the procedure to be followed with regard to possible future peace-keeping operations and had therefore accomplished only a part of its work. As far as the payments of voluntary contributions for the purpose of solving the Organization's financial difficulties was concerned, the French Government had as yet made no commitment, for it considered it necessary that the question should be studied in the broader context of the general financial policy of the United Nations and its specialized agencies and thought that a solution should be sought within the framework of an over-all reform. While his delegation did not object to the consensus formula which made possible the resumption of the Assembly's work, it wished to ensure that there was no misunderstanding regarding its position.

Mr. QUARLES van UFFORD (Netherlands) said that since his delegation wished to see the General Assembly's work return to normal, it was prepared to accept a statement of the consensus in the Special Committee. He wished to point out, however, that the Netherlands had faithfully discharged all its financial obligations as assessed by the General Assembly. It would continue to do so because it was convinced that the collective financial responsibility of all Members for the expenses of the United Nations was one of the corner-stones of the Charter. In addition to its mandatory contributions, the Netherlands had made substantial voluntary contributions in cases where it considered such contributions to be necessary and warranted. It therefore assumed that any appeal for voluntary contributions would be addressed primarily to those highly developed countries which, for whatever reason, were in arrears in the payment of their financial contributions as assessed by the General Assembly in conformity with Article 17 of the Charter. His Government's acceptance of the consensus formula could not be interpreted as implying a commitment to make additional voluntary contributions at this stage.

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The CHAIRMAN drew attention to the fact that under the terms of resolution 2006 (XIX) the Special Committee had to report to the General Assembly. On 15 June the Committee had submitted the report contained in document A/5915. He was happy to note that, following extensive consultations during the past few days, and in the light of the statements made in the Committee, without prejudice to the positions taken therein and on the basis of paragraph 11 of the Committee's report of 15 June, the consensus was that the following text should be included in the Special Committee's second report to the General Assembly (A/5916):

- "(a) That the General Assembly will carry on its work normally in accordance with its rules of procedure;
- (b) That the question of the applicability of Article 19 of the Charter will not be raised with regard to the United Nations Emergency Force and the United Nations Operation in the Congo;
- (c) That the financial difficulties of the Organization should be solved through voluntary contributions by Member States, with the highly developed countries making substantial contributions."

If there were no objections, he would consider that text approved.

It was so decided.

The CHAIRMAN paid tribute to the members of the Afro-Asian group for the initiative they had shown and to all the other members of the Committee for their willingness to compromise. If there were no objections, he would take it that the Special Committee approved its second report (A/5916) as a whole.

It was so decided.

The CHAIRMAN said that, since the Committee had accepted the consensus, the representative of Ethiopia did not press his draft resolution.

Mr. PAZHWAQ (Afghanistan), on behalf of the Afro-Asian delegations, thanked all the members of the Committee who had taken part in the negotiations.

Mr. MATSUI (Japan) welcomed the happy outcome of the Special Committee's labours and extended his congratulations in particular to the Committee's Chairman and to the Chairman of the Afro-Asian group's Committee on Peace-keeping. Although the Special Committee had concluded only the first phase of its task, its action enabled the General Assembly to resolve the present deadlock; the Committee could, if the General Assembly authorized it to do so, continue its work later.

The CHAIRMAN thanked the Secretary-General, his staff and all the members of the Special Committee for their untiring efforts which had helped the Committee to reach such a happy conclusion.

The meeting rose at 11.15 a.m.