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SUMMARY STATEMENT BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON MATTERS OF WHICH  
THE SECURITY COUNCIL IS SEIZED AND ON THE STAGE REACHED IN  
THEIR CONSIDERATION

Addendum

Pursuant to rule 11 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Security Council, the Secretary-General is submitting the following summary statement.

The list of items of which the Security Council is seized is contained in document S/12520 of 9 January 1978 and S/12520/Add.17 of 11 May 1978.

During the week ending 14 October 1978, the Security Council took action on the following item:

47. Question concerning the situation in Southern Rhodesia (see S/7382, S/7628, S/7644, S/8502, S/8555, S/8564, S/8612, S/9258, S/9276, S/9293, S/9687, S/9714, S/9721, S/9981, S/9996, S/10402, S/10435, S/10462, S/10492, S/10542, S/10554, S/10557, S/10751, S/10770/Add.6, S/10855/Add.20, S/10855/Add.21, S/11935/Add.14, S/12269/Add.21, S/12269/Add.39, S/12520/Add.9 and S/12520/Add.10).

By a letter dated 6 October 1978 (S/12885), the representative of India, Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 253 (1968) concerning the question of Southern Rhodesia, informed the President of the Security Council that at its 316th meeting, held that day, the Committee had considered the visit to the United States of Ian Smith and other members of the illegal régime in Southern Rhodesia and, in view of the urgency and seriousness of the matter, had decided to transmit to the Council the texts of the statements made at that meeting by the representative of the African Group at the United Nations and by the representative of the United States for appropriate action.

The Security Council resumed its consideration of the question on the basis of the letter dated 6 October 1978 from the representative of India.

The President drew the Council's attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/12885, sponsored by India, Kuwait, Mauritius and Nigeria. Following a brief suspension of the meeting, the President read out a revised paragraph 4 of the draft resolution.

The Security Council then voted on the revised four-Power draft resolution (S/12885/Rev.1) which was adopted by 11 votes to none, with 4 abstentions (Canada, Germany, Federal Republic of, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America), as resolution 437 (1978).

Resolution 437 (1978) reads as follows:

The Security Council,

Having considered the letter dated 6 October 1978 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established in pursuance of resolution 253 (1968) concerning the question of Southern Rhodesia (S/12885),

Recalling its resolution 253 (1968) of 29 May 1968, which makes it mandatory for States Members of the United Nations to prevent the entry into their territories of persons ordinarily resident in Southern Rhodesia and connected with the illegal régime there,

Taking note of the statement of the African Group (enclosure II of S/12885),

Taking note also of the statement of the United States Government (enclosure I of S/12885),

1. Notes with regret and concern the decision of the United States Government to allow the entry into the United States of America of Ian Smith and some members of the illegal régime in Southern Rhodesia;
2. Considers that the above-mentioned decision is in contravention of Security Council resolution 253 (1968) and of the obligations under Article 25 of the Charter of the United Nations;
3. Calls upon the United States of America to observe scrupulously the provisions of Security Council resolutions concerning sanctions;
4. Expresses the hope that the United States of America will continue to exert its influence in order that genuine majority rule may be achieved without further delay in Southern Rhodesia.

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