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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 complete list of items of which the Security Council is seized is contained in document S/11935 of 5 January 1976 and the pertinent addenda. During the week ending 17 January 1976, the Security Council took action on the following item:

The Middle East problem including the Palestinian question

In accordance with paragraph (a) of resolution 381 (1975), wherein the Security Council decided "to reconvene on 12 January 1976, to continue the debate on the Middle East problem including the Palestinian question, taking into account all relevant United Nations resolutions", the Security Council held its 1870th meeting on 12 January and included in its agenda, without objection, the item entitled "The Middle East problem including the Palestinian question". The Council continued its consideration of the item at its 1871st to 1875th meetings held between 13 and 16 January.

In the course of those meetings, the President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Egypt, Jordan, the Syrian Arab Republic, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Yugoslavia, Mauritania, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Iraq and Guinea, at their requests, to participate in the discussion without the right to vote.

At the 1870th meeting, the President recalled the statement made by the President of the Council at the 1856th meeting on 30 November 1975 following the adoption of resolution 381 (1975) that it was the understanding of the majority of the Council that when it reconvened on 12 January 1976 in accordance with paragraph (a) of that resolution the representatives of the Palestine Liberation Organization would be invited to participate in the debate. The President, with that background in view, put forward the proposal that the representative of the Palestine Liberation Organization be invited to participate in the debate on the item; he indicated that that proposal was not being put forward under rule 37 or 39

of the provisional rules of procedure, but that, if it was adopted by the Council, the invitation would confer on the Palestine Liberation Organization the same rights of participation as were conferred when a Member State was invited to participate under rule 37.

Following discussion, the Security Council adopted the proposal by a vote of 11 in favour to 1 against (United States of America), with 3 abstentions (France, Italy and United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland).

Accordingly, the President invited the representative of the Palestine Liberation Organization to participate in the discussion without the right to vote.
