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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 25 December 1976, the Security Council took action on the following item:

Complaint by Lesotho against South Africa

By a letter dated 16 December 1976 addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/12257), the representative of Lesotho requested that a meeting of the Security Council be convened to consider the grave situation affecting the Kingdom of Lesotho, following the closure of the border by the Republic of South Africa between the south-eastern part of Lesotho and that part of South Africa referred to as Transkei.

The Security Council met to consider the item at its 1981st and 1982nd meetings, held on 21 and 22 December 1976. In the course of the meetings, the President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Lesotho, Madagascar, Botswana and Mauritius, at their request, to participate in the discussion without the right to vote.

At the 1982nd meeting, the representative of the United Republic of Tanzania introduced a draft resolution (S/12260), sponsored by Benin, Guyana, the Libyan Arab Republic, Pakistan, Panama, Romania and the United Republic of Tanzania.

The Security Council adopted the draft resolution (S/12260) by consensus as resolution 402 (1976). In its operative paragraphs, resolution 402 (1976) reads as follows:

1. Endorses General Assembly resolution 31/6 A, which, inter alia, calls upon all Governments to deny any form of recognition to the so-called independent Transkei and to refrain from having any dealings with the so-called independent Transkei or other bantustans;
2. Commends the Government of Lesotho for its decision not to recognize the so-called independence of Transkei;
3. Condemns any action by South Africa intended to coerce Lesotho into according recognition to the bantustan Transkei;
4. Calls upon South Africa to take immediately all necessary steps to reopen those border posts;
5. Appeals to all States to provide immediate financial, technical and material assistance to Lesotho so that it can carry out its economic development programmes and enhance its capacity to implement fully the United Nations resolutions on apartheid and bantustans;
6. Requests the United Nations and the organizations and programmes concerned, in particular the United Nations Development Programme, the World Food Programme and all the United Nations specialized agencies, to assist Lesotho in the present situation and to consider periodically the question of economic assistance to Lesotho as envisaged in the present resolution;
7. Requests the Secretary-General, in collaboration with the appropriate organizations of the United Nations system, to organize, with immediate effect, all forms of financial, technical and material assistance to the Kingdom of Lesotho to enable it to overcome the economic difficulties arising from the closure of the border posts by South Africa due to the refusal of Lesotho to recognize the so-called independence of Transkei;
8. Further requests the Secretary-General to keep the situation under constant review to maintain close liaison with Member States, regional and other intergovernmental organizations, the specialized agencies and international financial institutions, and to report to the Security Council at its subsequent meeting on the question;
9. Decides to remain seized of the question.
