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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS  
CONCERNING THE APPLICATION OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF  
ANGOLA FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE UNITED NATIONS

1. At the 1931st meeting on 22 June 1976, the Security Council had before it the application of the People's Republic of Angola (S/12064) for admission to membership in the United Nations. In accordance with rule 59 of the provisional rules of procedure and in the absence of a proposal to the contrary, the President of the Council referred the application to the Committee for examination and report.
2. At its 53rd meeting, held on 23 June 1976, the Committee considered this application.
3. The representative of the United States urged the Committee to defer action on the application of the People's Republic of Angola to a date not later than 35 days in advance of the thirty-first session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 59 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Security Council. He stated that such a procedure would maximize the chances for positive action by the Council and would permit the General Assembly to take action at the beginning of the session.
4. The representatives of the United Kingdom, France, Italy and Japan supported the United States suggestion that a decision on the substance of the application for admission should be deferred until a later date. Each of those delegations made it clear that it fully supported the application and would vote in favour of it should it come before the Council. None of them wished to see the admission of Angola to the United Nations delayed even by a single day. They were however impressed by the consideration that a deferment of the Committee's decision as suggested by the United States would not cause such a delay but would, on the contrary, improve the chances that Angola's admission would then encounter no obstacle.
5. The representative of Panama vigorously supported the admission of the People's Republic of Angola for membership in the United Nations. Nevertheless, he stated, he would have no difficulty in agreeing to the request for postponement submitted by the representative of the United States.
6. In his statement, the representative of the United Republic of Tanzania proposed that the Committee recommend to the Security Council the adoption of the following draft resolution, sponsored by Benin, Guyana, the Libyan Arab Republic, Romania, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United Republic of Tanzania:

"The Security Council,

"Having considered the application of the People's Republic of Angola for admission to the United Nations (S/12064),

"Recommends to the General Assembly that the People's Republic of Angola be admitted to membership in the United Nations."

7. Further statements in favour of the immediate admission of the People's Republic of Angola to the United Nations were made by the representatives of the following members: Benin, Guyana, the Libyan Arab Republic, Pakistan, Romania, Sweden and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.
8. The representative of China stated that under the prevailing circumstances China was unable to associate itself with the recommendation for the admission of Angola to membership in the United Nations and that it would expound its position at the formal meeting of the Security Council.
9. The representative of the United States stated that his delegation would be unable at this time to concur in a recommendation to the General Assembly that the People's Republic of Angola be admitted to membership in the United Nations.
10. In summing up the debate, the Chairman stated that since the Committee was unable to make a unanimous recommendation to the Security Council, it would submit to the Security Council a report reflecting the attitudes of delegations towards the application.
11. In conclusion, the Committee approved the present report on its consideration of the application of the People's Republic of Angola for membership in the United Nations.

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