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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS
CONCERNING THE APPLICATION OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF
VIET NAM FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE UNITED NATIONS

1. At the 1955th meeting on 10 September 1976, the Security Council had before it the application of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam (S/12183) 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. The Security Council decided that the Committee on the Admission of New Members should meet to consider this matter on 14 September but later decided, following a French delegation initiative, to postpone consideration of the question until a date in November (S/12200).

2. At its 55th and 56th meetings, held on 10 November 1976, the Committee considered that application.

3. At the 55th meeting, the representative of Guyana introduced a draft resolution sponsored by Benin, China, Guyana, the Libyan Arab Republic, Pakistan, Panama, Romania, Sweden, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United Republic of Tanzania. The text of the draft resolution was as follows:

"The Security Council,

"Having considered the application of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam for admission to the United Nations (S/12183),

"Recommends to the General Assembly that the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam be admitted to membership in the United Nations."

4. In the course of the discussion at that meeting, the representatives of Benin, China, France, Guyana, Italy, Japan, the Libyan Arab Republic, Pakistan, Panama, Romania, Sweden, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United Republic of Tanzania expressed their support for the application. The representative of the United States of America stated that at that stage and under current circumstances his Government was unable to acquiesce in that application.

5. 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.

6. At its 56th meeting, in conclusion, the Committee approved the present report on its consideration of the application of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam for membership in the United Nations.
