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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/11593 of 7 January 1975 and the pertinent addenda. During the week ending 6 December 1975, the Security Council took action on the following items:

10. Admission of new Members (see S/7382, S/7564, S/8301, S/8555, S/8815, S/8896, S/9961, S/10121, S/10296, S/10327, S/10351, S/10462, S/10762, S/10770/Add.1, S/10855/Add.25, S/10855/Add.29, S/11185/Add.22, S/11185/Add.23, S/11185/Add.24, S/11185/Add.31, S/11185/Add.32, S/11593/Add.31, S/11593/Add.32, S/11593/Add.33, S/11593/Add.38, S/11593/Add.39 and S/11593/Add.41)

By a note issued on 25 November 1975 (S/11884), the Secretary-General circulated the text of a telegram dated 25 November, addressed to him by the Prime Minister of Surinam, submitting the application of Surinam for admission to membership in the United Nations.

At its 1857th meeting, held on 1 December, the Security Council included the application in its agenda without objection. In accordance with rule 59 of the provisional rules of procedure, and in the absence of a proposal to the contrary, the President referred the application to the Committee on the Admission of New Members for consideration and report.

At its 1858th meeting, also held on 1 December, the Security Council included the Committee's report (S/11891) in its agenda without objection, and the President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of the Netherlands, pursuant to his request, to participate in the discussion without the right to vote.

As suggested in paragraph 3 of the Committee's report, the Security Council also decided, in accordance with the provisions of the last paragraph

of rule 60 of its provisional rules of procedure, to submit an immediate recommendation to the General Assembly concerning the application.

The Security Council adopted unanimously, as resolution 382 (1975), the draft resolution contained in paragraph 4 of the report of the Committee. Resolution 382 (1975) reads as follows:

The Security Council,

Having examined the application of Surinam for admission to the United Nations (S/11884),

Recommends to the General Assembly that Surinam be admitted to membership in the United Nations.

70. The situation in the Middle East (see S/7913, S/7923, S/7976, S/8000, S/8048, S/8066, S/8215, S/8242, S/8252, S/8269, S/8502, S/8525, S/8534, S/8564, S/8575, S/8584, S/8595, S/8747, S/8753, S/8807, S/8815, S/8828, S/8836, S/8885, S/8896, S/8960, S/9123, S/9135, S/9319, S/9382, S/9395, S/9406, S/9427 and Corr.1, S/9449, S/9452, S/9805, S/9812, S/9930, S/10327, S/10341, S/10554, S/10557, S/10703, S/10721, S/10729, S/10743, S/10770/Add.4, S/10855/Add.15, S/10855/Add.16, S/10855/Add.23, S/10855/Add.24, S/10855/Add.29, S/10855/Add.30, S/10855/Add.33, S/10855/Add.41, S/10855/Add.43, S/10855/Add.44, S/11185/Add.14, S/11185/Add.15, S/11185/Add.16, S/11185/Add.42/Corr.1, S/11185/Add.47, S/11593/Add.15, S/11593/Add.21, S/11593/Add.29 and S/11593/Add.42)

The Security Council resumed its consideration of the question at its 1856th meeting, held on 30 November 1975, and included in its agenda the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (S/11883 and Add.1).

The President called attention to the draft resolution before the Council (S/11888), sponsored by Guyana, Mauritania, the United Republic of Cameroon and the United Republic of Tanzania. The Security Council adopted the draft resolution (S/11888) as resolution 381 (1975) by 13 votes to none, with no abstentions. China and Iraq did not participate in the vote. In its operative paragraphs, resolution 381 (1975) reads as follows:

The Security Council,

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Decides:

(a) 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;

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- (b) To renew the mandate of UNDOF for another period of six months;
- (c) To request the Secretary-General to keep the Security Council informed on further developments.

Following the adoption of the resolution, the President read out the text of a statement, contained in document S/11889, expressing the understanding of a majority of members of the Security Council with regard to subparagraph (a) of resolution 381 (1975).

In a letter dated 3 December 1975 addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/11892), the representative of Lebanon stated that, on 2 December, Israel had launched a massive air attack on refugee camps and villages in various parts of Lebanon, causing heavy civilian casualties and damage, and requested that an urgent meeting of the Security Council be convened.

By a letter dated 3 December 1975 addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/11893), the representative of Egypt requested an urgent meeting of the Security Council to discuss the Israeli aggression against the Palestinian refugee camps in Lebanon, with the participation of the Palestine Liberation Organization in the debate during the discussion of the item in the Security Council.

At its 1859th meeting, held on 4 December, the Security Council included the above letters in its agenda. The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Egypt, Lebanon and the Syrian Arab Republic, at their request, to participate in the discussion without the right to vote.

The President stated that in the course of informal consultations held prior to the meeting, the representatives of Guyana, Iraq, Mauritania, the United Republic of Cameroon and the United Republic of Tanzania had put forward the same proposal, regarding the participation of the Palestine Liberation Organization, as that contained in the request from the representative of Egypt and had asked him to record that the proposal was not put forward under rule 37 or rule 39 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Security Council, but, if adopted by the Council, the invitation to the Palestine Liberation Organization to participate in the debate would confer on it the same rights of participation as were conferred when a Member State was invited to participate under rule 37.

Following a procedural debate, the Security Council adopted the proposal by a vote of 9 in favour, to 3 against (Costa Rica, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America), with 3 abstentions (France, Italy and Japan).

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

The Security Council continued its consideration of the question at its 1860th meeting held on 5 December 1975.