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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 list of items of which the Security Council is seized is contained in document S/13033 of 9 January 1979.

During the week ending 30 June 1979, the Security Council took action on the following item:

The question of the exercise by the Palestinian people of its inalienable rights (see S/11935/Add.23, S/11935/Add.24, S/11935/Add.25, S/11935/Add.26 and S/12269/Add.43)

In a letter dated 13 March 1979 addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/13164), the Chairman of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, calling attention to paragraph 8 of General Assembly resolution 33/28 A of 7 December 1978, requested on behalf of the Committee that the Security Council take practical measures with a view to implementing the Committee's recommendations on the item.

In a letter dated 27 June addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/13418), the Chairman of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People stated that the Committee had met that morning and had concluded that the Security Council should resume consideration of the Committee's recommendations as soon as possible.

The Security Council resumed its consideration of the item at its 2155th meeting, held on 29 June. The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Sri Lanka, the Syrian Arab Republic and Tunisia, at their request, to participate in the discussion without the right to vote. In accordance with his request, the Security Council extended an invitation under rule 39 of its provisional rules of procedure to the Chairman of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People.

The President called attention to the request contained in a letter dated 29 June (S/13422) from the representative of Kuwait that the Palestine Liberation Organization be invited to participate in the debate on the question, in accordance with the Security Council's past practice on the matter. He said that that proposal was not formulated under rule 37 or rule 39 of the Security Council's provisional rules of procedure but that if it were adopted by the Council, the invitation to the Palestine Liberation Organization would confer on the latter 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 10 in favour to 1 against (United States of America), with 4 abstentions (France, Norway, Portugal and United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland).
