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The meeting was called to order at 3:55 p.m.

EXPRESSION OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING PRESIDENT

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Chinese): As this is the first meeting of the Security Council in the month of August, I should like to take this opportunity to pay a tribute, on behalf of the Council, to Mr. Paulo Nogueira-Batista, Permanent Representative of Brazil to the United Nations, for his service as President of the Security Council for the month of July 1988. I am sure I speak for all members of the Council in expressing deep appreciation to Ambassador Nogueira-Batista for the great diplomatic skill and very able manner demonstrated in his conduct of the business of the Council last month.

TRIBUTE TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Chinese): On this occasion, I believe that I interpret the sentiment of all the members of the Council in expressing our deep appreciation to the Secretary-General for his untiring efforts which have made this meeting possible. I wish to thank him whole-heartedly on behalf of the Council for his excellent work.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was adopted.

THE SITUATION BETWEEN IRAN AND IRAQ

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Chinese): On behalf of the Council, I invite the representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to take a place at the Council table.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Mahallati (Islamic Republic of Iran) took a place at the Council table.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Chinese): On behalf of the Council, I invite the representative of Iraq to take a place at the Council table.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Kittani (Iraq) took a place at the Council table.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Chinese): The Security Council will now begin its consideration of the item on its agenda.

The Council is meeting today in accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's consultations.

I should like to draw the attention of members of the Council to the following documents: S/20092, letter dated 6 August 1988 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General; and S/20094, letter dated 7 August 1988 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran addressed to the Secretary-General.

I now call on the Secretary-General.

The SECRETARY-GENERAL: Members of the Council are aware that over the past two weeks I have been engaged in intensive diplomatic activity aimed at achieving the implementation of Security Council resolution 598 (1987).

As a result of these efforts, and in exercise of the mandate given to me by the Security Council, I now call upon the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Republic of Iraq to observe a cease-fire and to discontinue all military action on land, at sea and in the air as of 0300 hours GMT on 20 August 1988. I have been assured by the two parties to the conflict that they will observe this cease-fire in the context of the full implementation of resolution 598 (1987).

(The Secretary-General)

The Governments of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Republic of Iraq have also agreed to the deployment of United Nations observers as of the time and date of the cease-fire.

I shall extend to the Islamic Republic of Iran and to the Republic of Iraq a formal invitation to send their representatives to Geneva on 25 August for direct talks under my auspices. I am sending letters in this connection to both sides.

On the date of the cease-fire, I shall confirm that I am making the necessary preparations aimed at carrying out the mandate entrusted to me by the resolution under the various operative paragraphs, in particular paragraphs 4, 6, 7 and 8.

I note that military activity has decreased in the past few days. I wish on this occasion, however, to appeal to all concerned, in the strongest possible terms, to exercise the utmost restraint and to refrain forthwith from any hostile activity on land, at sea and in the air in the period before entry into effect of the cease-fire.

I wish to express my deepest appreciation for the efforts made by the parties, the members of the Security Council and others over the past weeks. I am confident that I shall be able to count on the continuing co-operation of the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Republic of Iraq when we convene in Geneva.

The restoration of peace will bring to the peoples of both countries victories far greater than those of war.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Chinese): Following consultations of the Security Council, I have been authorized to make the following statement on behalf of the members of the Council:

"The Security Council welcomes the statement just made by the Secretary-General concerning the implementation of its resolution 598 (1987) of 20 July 1987 on the Iran-Iraq conflict.

(The President)

"The Council endorses the Secretary-General's announcement that the cease-fire demanded in the resolution shall come into effect at 0300 hours GMT on 20 August 1988, and that direct talks under his auspices between the two parties shall begin on 25 August.

"The Council further endorses the appeal of the Secretary-General to both parties to exercise the utmost restraint and expects them to refrain from all hostile activities in the period before the entry into effect of the cease-fire.

"The Council reiterates its determination that its resolution 598 (1987) be fully implemented as an integral whole and reaffirms its full support for the continuing efforts of the Secretary-General to this end."

The Security Council has thus concluded the present stage of its consideration of the item on its agenda.

The meeting rose at 4.05 p.m.