
SUMMARY STATEMENT BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF MATTERS OF WHICH THE
SECURITY COUNCIL IS SEIZED AND OF THE STAGE REACHED IN THEIR
CONSIDERATION

Pursuant to Rule 11 of the Provisional Rules of Procedure of the Security Council, I submit the following summary statement of matters of which the Security Council is seized and of the stage reached in their consideration on 1 November 1947:

1. The Iranian Question (see document S/576);
2. Special Agreements under Article 43 and the Organization of the Armed Forces made available to the Security Council (see document S/576);
3. Rules of Procedure of the Security Council (see document S/576);
4. Statute and Rules of Procedure of the Military Staff Committee (see document S/576);
5. Rules governing the admission of new Members (see document S/576);
6. The General Regulation and Reduction of Armaments and Information on Armed Forces of the United Nations (see document S/576);
7. Appointment of a Governor of the Free Territory of Trieste (see document S/576);
8. The Egyptian Question (see document S/576);
9. The Indonesian Question (see documents S/576, S/584 and S/587).

The discussion was continued at the 214th, 215th, 216th, 217th, 218th and 219th meetings of the Security Council on 27, 29, 31 October and 1 November 1947.

A message from the Government of the Republic of Indonesia to the Security Council was circulated as document S/590.

The representative of the United States altered his previously submitted draft resolution (document S/588) and a new draft resolution was introduced by the representative of Poland (document S/589). The representative of the United Kingdom withdrew his draft resolution (S/578), and the representatives of Belgium and China submitted amendments to the revised United States draft resolution (documents S/592 and S/591). At the 217th meeting, the draft resolutions submitted by the representatives of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics

(document S/575) and Australia (document S/579/Rev.1) were put to a vote and were not adopted as they did not obtain the necessary affirmative votes.

Thereupon, the representative of Australia submitted an amendment to the United States revised draft resolution (document S/593). A Sub-Committee consisting of the representatives of Australia, Belgium, China and the United States was created with the task of trying to merge the revised United States draft resolution and the various amendments thereto into one text. A proposal by the representative of the United Kingdom to use both the revised United States draft resolution and the Polish resolution as a basis was put to a vote and not carried.

The above-mentioned Sub-Committee met on 1 November and submitted a combined draft resolution to the Security Council (document S/594). The combined draft resolution was considered by the Security Council at its 218th and 219th meetings on 1 November 1947.

The representative of the United States, in support of the draft resolution submitted by the Sub-Committee, withdrew his own revised draft resolution. He further stated that he was authorized by the representatives of Australia, Belgium and China to announce that they, for the same reason, also withdrew their amendments to the United States revised draft resolution.

An amendment introduced by the representative of Colombia (document S/595) to the draft resolution submitted by the Sub-Committee was not carried.

The revised United States draft resolution as submitted by the Sub-Committee (document S/594) was put to a vote and adopted.

Thereupon the Polish draft resolution (document S/587) was voted upon and rejected as it did not obtain the required number of affirmative votes.

10. Voting Procedure in the Security Council (see document S/576).