

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 wish to report that as of 4 April 1947, the Security Council is seized of the following matters:

1. The Iranian Question
2. Special Agreements under Article 43 of the Charter and the Organization of the United Nations Armed Forces
3. Rules of Procedure of the Security Council
4. Statute and Rules of Procedure of the Military Staff Committee
5. Rules Concerning the Admission of New Members
6. Re-examination of Applications for Membership
7. The Greek Question
8. The General Regulation and Reduction of Armaments and Information on Armed Forces of the United Nations
9. Incidents in the Corfu Channel

The stage reached in the consideration of Items 1 through 6 is set forth in document S/279. The stage reached in the consideration of other items is as follows:

7. The Greek Question (See also document S/279)

At the request of the Representative of the United States the Greek Question was placed on the Agenda of the one hundred and twenty-third Meeting on 28 March 1947. A statement was made by the Representative of the United States and the Council decided to continue the discussion at a meeting to be held on 7 April.

/8. The General

8. The General Regulation and Reduction of Armaments and Information on Armed Forces (See also document S/279)

The Commission for Conventional Armaments was convened on 24 March 1947 and commenced its task under its terms of reference.

9. Incidents in the Corfu Channel

By letter dated 10 January 1947, addressed to the Secretary-General (document S/247), the Representative of the United Kingdom forwarded copies of an exchange of notes between the Governments of the United Kingdom and of the People's Republic of Albania regarding incidents in the Corfu Channel. He stated that his Government had instructed him to bring this dispute to the early attention of the Security Council under Article 35 of the Charter.

At the ninety-fifth meeting on 20 January 1947, the Council placed this question on its agenda. It was decided to invite Albania to participate without vote in the discussion relating to the dispute and to ask the Albanian Government if it chose to accept this invitation to accept for the purposes of the discussion of this case all those obligations which would fall upon a Member of the United Nations.

By cable dated 24 January, addressed to the Secretary-General, the President of the Council of Ministers and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of Albania forwarded information that the Albanian Government accepted the Security Council's decision and requested that proceedings be postponed until the arrival of the Albanian Representative (document S/258). At the ninety-sixth meeting on 28 January, the Council considered this reply and decided to adjourn the discussion until the next meeting which would be called at the discretion of the President.

At the ninety-seventh meeting on 31 January, the Council decided to de-fer discussion of this question until a later meeting, the date of which would be determined by the President.

The discussion was resumed at the one hundred and seventh meeting on 18 February and continued at the one hundred and ninth, eleventh and fourteenth meetings on 19, 24 and 27 February, the Representative of Albania

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participating. The Council adopted a resolution submitted by the Representative of Australia to appoint a Sub-Committee of three members to examine all the available evidence and to make a report on the facts of the case as disclosed by such evidence. The Sub-Committee completed its report to the Council on 12 March (document S/300).

The discussion was continued at the one hundred and twentieth, twenty-first, twenty-second and twenty-fifth meetings on 20, 21, 25 March and 3 April, the Representative of Albania participating. Draft resolutions were submitted by the Representatives of the United Kingdom (S/P.V. 120, pg. 97) and Poland (S/P.V. 122, pg. 33). The Representative of the United Kingdom accepted amendments submitted by the Representatives of the United States (S/P.V. 121, pg. 71) and France (S/P.V. 122, pg. 21).

At the one hundred and twenty-second meeting the amended United Kingdom draft resolution⁷ (S/P.V. 122, pg. 76) was put to a vote and received seven votes in favour, two against with one abstention. Since it did not receive the affirmative vote of one of the permanent members of the Council it was not adopted. The Representative of Poland withdrew his draft resolution.

At the one hundred and twenty-fifth meeting the Representative of the United Kingdom submitted a new draft resolution (S/P.V. 125, pg. 18) and the Council adjourned consideration until 9 April.

(Consideration of the following item was completed this week).

10. Draft Trusteeship Agreement for the Former Japanese Mandated Islands

By letter dated 17 February 1947, addressed to the Secretary-General, the Representative of the United States forwarded the text of a draft Trusteeship Agreement for the former Japanese Mandated Islands for submission to the Security Council for its approval in accordance with Article 33 of the Charter.

Discussion on this subject took place at the one hundred and thirteenth, sixteenth and eighteenth meetings on 26 February and 7 and 12 March 1947.

/The Representatives

The Representatives of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Poland, Australia and the United Kingdom submitted amendments to the draft agreement

By cablegram dated 13 March 1947 (document C/297), the New Zealand Government requested that those members of the Far Eastern Commission not represented on the Security Council (namely, Canada, India, the Netherlands, New Zealand and the Philippines) be invited under Article 31 of the Charter to participate, if they so desired, in the discussion in the Council. By letter dated 12 March (document S/299) the Indian Government requested to be invited. At the one hundred and eighteenth meeting the Council decided to grant these requests.

The discussion was continued at the one hundred and nineteenth, twenty-third and twenty-fourth meetings on 17 and 28 March and 2 April with Representatives of Canada, India, the Netherlands, New Zealand and the Philippines participating. The Council adopted several amendments and unanimously approved the trusteeship agreement (document S/318). The Council is therefore no longer seized of this matter.

