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SUMMARY STATEMENT BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON 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 on matters of which the Security Council is seized and of the stage reached in their consideration on 17 July 1948:

1. The Iranian question (see document S/853);
2. Special agreements under Article 43 and the organization on the Armed Forces made available to the Security Council (see document S/853);
3. Rules of procedure of the Security Council (see document S/853);
4. Statute and rules of procedure of the Military Staff Committee (see document S/853);
5. The general regulation and reduction of armaments and information on Armed Forces of the United Nations (see document S/853);
6. Appointment of a Governor of the Free Territory of Trieste (see document S/853);
7. The Egyptian question (see document S/853);
8. The Indonesian question (see documents S/853, S/857, S/866 and S/893)
9. Voting procedure in the Security Council (see document S/853);
10. Procedure in application of Articles 87 and 88 of the Charter with regard to the Pacific Islands under strategic trusteeship of the United States of America (see documents S/853 and S/857);
11. Applications for membership (see document S/853);
12. The Palestinian question (see documents S/853 and S/893);

Discussion was continued at the 333rd, 334th, 335th, 336th, 337th and 338th meetings.

At the 333rd meeting the United Nations Mediator, Count Folke Bernadotte, presented an oral report to the Council supplementing his previously submitted written report (document S/868) on the situation in Palestine.

At the 334th meeting the representative of the United States

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submitted a draft resolution (document S/890) describing the situation in Palestine as a threat to the peace within the meaning of Article 39 of the Charter, and ordering the governments and authorities concerned, pursuant to Article 40 of the Charter, to desist from further military action, and to issue cease-fire orders to their forces to this effect. The representative of the United Kingdom then submitted two amendments to the United States draft resolution which are contained in document S/895. The representative of Syria also introduced a draft resolution (document S/894) requesting the International Court of Justice to give an advisory legal opinion as to the international status of Palestine after the termination of the mandate.

At the 336th meeting the representative of the USSR submitted an amendment (document S/896) to paragraph 7 of the United States draft resolution, proposing that both parties immediately withdraw their armed forces from Jerusalem. The representative of China also submitted an amendment (document S/897) augmenting the United States draft resolution, by calling upon both parties to seek, in co-operation with the Mediator, a solution through mutual concessions, both in regard to the political organization of Palestine, and in regard to immigration.

At the 337th meeting the representative of Argentina requested that in voting on the United States draft resolution the phrase, "pursuant to Article 40 of the Charter", in paragraphs 3 and 5 of the draft resolution be voted upon separately.

At the 338th meeting the representative of Syria introduced an amendment (document S/901) to the United States draft resolution which deleted the entire first paragraph and substituted the following: "taking into consideration the report of the United Nations Mediator dated 12 July 1943, (document S/888)". The representative of Canada submitted an amendment to paragraph 3 of the United States draft resolution replacing the last three lines by the following: "to take effect at such early date as the Mediator, taking into account his responsibilities for supervising the observation of the truce, may determine and notify to the respective parties". The Secretary-General submitted two additional paragraphs to the United States draft resolution requesting the Secretary-General to provide the Mediator with the necessary staff and facilities to assist in carrying out the functions assigned the Mediator and to make appropriate arrangements for the provisions of the necessary funds to meet the obligations arising from the resolution. The representative of the United States submitted an alternative text for  
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the Chinese amendment (document S/897) which was accepted by the representative of China. The Council then voted upon the various draft resolutions and amendments under consideration. The Syrian amendment (document S/901) was rejected by a vote of 4 in favour (Argentina, Belgium, China and Syria), none against and 7 abstentions. The first United Kingdom amendment (document S/895) was rejected by a vote of 3 in favour (Belgium, Colombia and the United Kingdom), one against (Syria) and 7 abstentions. The Canadian amendment was rejected by a vote of 5 in favour (Argentina, Belgium, Canada, China and Colombia), none against and 6 abstentions. The United States alternative text for the Chinese amendment was adopted by a vote of 9 in favour and two abstentions (Ukrainian SSR, USSR). In compliance with the Argentine request the phrase "pursuant to Article 40 of the Charter" was voted upon separately and maintained in the text of paragraph 3 and deleted from the text of paragraph 5. The amendment submitted by the representative of the USSR (document S/896) was rejected by a vote of 2 in favour (Ukrainian SSR, USSR), one against (Syria) and 3 abstentions. The two additional paragraphs submitted by the Secretary-General were adopted by a vote of 8 in favour, none against and 3 abstentions (Syria, Ukrainian SSR, USSR). The United States draft resolution as amended was adopted by a vote of 7 in favour, one against (Syria) and 3 abstentions (Argentina, Ukrainian SSR, USSR). It was decided to postpone consideration of the Syrian draft resolution (document S/894) until a future meeting of the Council.

13. The India Pakistan question (see document S/853);
14. The Czechoslovakian situation (see document S/853).

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