

“13. In this context, consideration was given to making more effective the existing technical information-gathering capabilities of the Secretariat of the United Nations and the accessibility of this information to members of the Council.

“14. In the same context, consideration was also given to enhancing the means for the Council to dispatch fact-finding missions or missions of inquiry.

“15. The members considered the question of holding periodic meetings of the Council and the desirability of holding occasional meetings outside Headquarters, as well as holding meetings at the highest possible level.

“16. Consideration was also given to strengthening and ensuring respect for United Nations peace-keeping operations.

“17. Members heard suggestions on the possibility of activating the work of the Military Staff Committee in fulfilling the tasks assigned to it under the Charter.

“18. Members considered many other aspects of the work of the Security Council, including suggestions designed to revitalize the concept of collective international security, and other innovative proposals designed to enhance the effectiveness of the Council.

“19. Members sensed that certain elements of convergence in their discussions, which offered greater prospects for progress, merited priority consideration. They are prepared to examine these and all other relevant aspects that may still be raised or brought to their attention.”

## ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS TO THE UNITED NATIONS<sup>78</sup>

### *Application of Saint Christopher and Nevis*

#### Decisions

At its 2478th meeting, on 22 September 1983, the Council, following the adoption of its agenda, decided to refer the application of Saint Christopher and Nevis<sup>79</sup> for membership in the United Nations to the Committee on the Admission of New Members for examination and report, as provided in rule 59 of the provisional rules of procedure.

At its 2479th meeting, on 22 September 1983, the Council decided to invite the representative of Ecuador to participate, without vote, in the discussion of the report of the Committee on the Admission of New

Members<sup>80</sup> concerning the application of Saint Christopher and Nevis for admission to membership in the United Nations.

#### Resolution 537 (1983)

of 22 September 1983

*The Security Council,*

*Having examined the application of Saint Christopher and Nevis for admission to the United Nations,<sup>79</sup>*

*Recommends to the General Assembly that Saint Christopher and Nevis should be admitted to membership in the United Nations.*

*Adopted unanimously at the 2479th meeting.*

<sup>78</sup> Resolutions or decisions on this question were also adopted by the Council in 1946, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1952, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980 and 1981.

<sup>79</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-eighth Session, Annexes, agenda item 19, document A/38/424-S/15989.*

<sup>80</sup> *Official Records of the Security Council, Supplement for July, August and September 1983, document S/15997.*