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## THIRTEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-FOURTH MEETING

Held in New York on Thursday, 29 February 1968, at 3 p.m.

*President:* Mr. Miguel SOLANO LOPEZ (Paraguay).

*Present:* The representatives of the following States: Algeria, Brazil, Canada, China, Denmark, Ethiopia, France, Hungary, India, Pakistan, Paraguay, Senegal, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America.

### Provisional agenda (S/Agenda/1394)

#### 1. Adoption of the agenda.

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### Adoption of the agenda

*The agenda was adopted.*

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1. The PRESIDENT (*translated from Spanish*): In accordance with the decisions taken previously by the Security Council, if I hear no objection I propose to invite the representatives of Guyana, Turkey, Chile, Indonesia, Yugoslavia, Nigeria, the United Arab Republic, Zambia and Colombia to take the places reserved for them at the side of the Council chamber, it being understood that when any of them wishes to speak he will be invited to take a place at the Council table.

*At the President's invitation Mr. E. A. Braithwaite (Guyana), Mr. N. Eren (Turkey), Mr. J. Piñera (Chile), Mr. H. R. Abdulgani (Indonesia), Mr. V. Pavičević (Yugoslavia), Mr. A. Clark (Nigeria), Mr. M. R. Abdel-Wahab (United Arab Republic), Mr. I. R. B. Manda (Zambia), and Mr. A. Herrán Medina (Colombia) took the places reserved for them at the side of the Council chamber.*

2. The PRESIDENT (*translated from Spanish*): I wish to draw the attention of the Council to the draft resolution sponsored by seven delegations [S/8429]. I also wish to inform the Council that we have received addenda 13 and 14 to document S/8357 of 25 January 1968 containing the report of the Secretary-General on replies received from Member States regarding measures taken pursuant to General Assembly resolution 2324 (XXII) and Security Council resolution 245 (1968). The Council will continue its examination of the item on the agenda.

3. I call on the representative of the United Kingdom on a point of order.

4. Lord CARADON (United Kingdom): Mr. President, amongst the papers before us, as you have just reminded us, is a draft resolution. Under your leadership we have already had the opportunity of some discussion on the desirability of consultations. I have already emphasized, and I am sure it is in the minds of us all, that we should if possible in this matter act together. I believe, therefore, that it would be in conformity with the wishes of the Council if we could proceed to further consultations. We have no desire whatsoever for delay; on the contrary, we believe that we should proceed in this matter with all reasonable speed. I would, however, suggest to you, Sir, and to the Council that, following on the discussions which have already taken place, there would be advantage if we could now proceed to further urgent consultations among ourselves. That is the suggestion, Sir, which I put to you this afternoon.

5. The PRESIDENT (*translated from Spanish*): The members of the Security Council have just heard the United Kingdom representative's suggestion that this meeting be adjourned so as to allow further time for urgent informal consultations among the members of the Council.

6. It is my impression that the suggestion has the approval of the Council. Consequently, if no member wishes to speak at this moment, I shall declare the meeting adjourned, and my successor the new President will, I am sure, get in touch with all the members of the Council so as to arrange the date and time of the next Council meeting.

7. Lij Endalkachew MAKONNEN (Ethiopia): I appreciate the sincerity and good intentions that motivate our colleague Lord Caradon in the suggestion that he has just made to us, and the necessity therefor. My delegation, for its part, has always maintained that consultations among members of this Council serve a very useful purpose and that we should always try to encourage them as a most important aspect of our work here in the Council. But at the same time, and while accepting the suggestion that the United Kingdom representative has made, I cannot help reiterating the urgency of the problem that is before us,

especially in view of the reports in the news media today that South Africa has gone ahead and arrested more people in South West Africa—this, of course, in complete disregard of the decision of the Council and in further defiance of the United Nations. This shows that the problem that we face is indeed a very urgent one, and I do hope that we can expedite our consultations with a view to arriving at some constructive conclusion of this important task that we have undertaken together.

8. The PRESIDENT (*translated from Spanish*): No objection has been raised to the United Kingdom representative's suggestion.

9. However, I myself should like to add, at this stage, a special appeal for any informal consultations held to be carried out with the urgency that the circumstances require. These are only too well known, and I need not dwell on them; but I do feel that the consultations should be undertaken with the urgency of the situation in mind.

10. Having made this point, I declare the meeting adjourned.

*The meeting rose at 3.50 p.m.*