

Dual Distribution

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 10 December 1948.

1. The Iranian question (see S/988);
2. Special agreements under Article 43 and the organization of the Armed Forces made available to the Security Council (see S/988);
3. Rules of procedure of the Security Council (see S/988);
4. Statute and rules of procedure of the Military Staff Committee (see S/988);
5. The general regulation and reduction of armaments and information on Armed Forces of the United Nations (see S/988);
6. Appointment of a Governor of the Free Territory of Trieste (see S/988);
7. The Egyptian question (see S/988);
8. The Indonesian question (see S/988, S/1050 and S/1106);
9. Voting procedure in the Security Council (see S/988);
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 S/988);
11. Application for membership (see S/988, S/1021, S/1037, S/1063 and S/1106);

By letter dated 7 December 1948, (S/1110) the Chairman of the Council's Committee on the Admission of New Members informed the President of the Security Council that the Committee had come to the conclusion that it was not at present in possession of the requisite information to enable it to come to any decision. The letter further stated that the Committee considered that it would be for the Security Council to decide at the proper time whether to refer the matter back to the Committee or take a decision itself.

By letter dated 9 December 1948 (S/1113), the President of the General Assembly drew the attention of the Security Council to the resolution adopted by the General Assembly at its 177th meeting on 8 December 1948 .

concerning the application of Ceylon for admission to membership in the United Nations.

12. The Palestinian question (see S/988, S/1010, S/1021, S/1029, S/1037, S/1050, S/1063, S/1072, S/1073, S/1083, S/1091 and S/1106);

On 8 December the Acting Mediator met with Committee 17, established by the Council's resolution of 4 November, and sought further advice on the implementation of the Council's resolution of 4 November.

The following documents relating to this question were distributed to the Council:

(a) A telegram dated 7 December from the Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs of Egypt, concerning the Council's resolutions of 4 and 16 November (S/1111),

(b) A letter dated 7 December from the Acting Mediator transmitting a communication from the Government of Transjordan concerning the Council's resolution of 16 November (S/1112).

13. The India-Pakistan question (see S/988, S/1010, S/1091 and S/1106);

By letter dated 2 December 1948, (S/1107) the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Commonwealth Relations of the Government of Pakistan replied to the letter of the President of the Security Council dated 27 November which had endorsed the recent appeal made by the United Nations Commission for India and Pakistan to the Governments of India and Pakistan to refrain from any action which might aggravate the military and political situation and thus endanger the negotiations which were at present being directed towards the achievement of a peaceful settlement.

14. The Czechoslovakian situation (see S/988);

15. The question of the Free Territory of Trieste (see S/988, S/1063 and S/1072);

16. The Hyderabad question (see S/1010, S/1021, S/1091 and S/1106);

By letter dated 6 December 1948 (S/1109) the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Commonwealth Relations of Pakistan requested that a meeting of the Security Council might be called at as early a date as might be convenient to enable it to deal with this question before it adjourned for Christmas.