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**CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED IN PURSUANCE  
OF SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 253 (1968)**

Note of 29 March 1972 by the President of the Security Council

Upon receiving the letter from the Chairman of the Committee established in pursuance of Security Council resolution 253 (1968) (S/10571) in which the President of the Security Council was urgently informed of the situation regarding the question of the chairmanship of the Committee, the President of the Security Council conducted consultations with the members of the Council on 23 and 24 March 1972.

The proposal concerning the chairmanship of the Committee put forward in the course of the consultations called for replacing the present system by a one-year-term chairmanship. Although a number of members of the Security Council expressed certain reservations regarding this proposal in the course of the consultations, it was at the same time agreed by all members of the Council that it was not necessary to call a special meeting of the Council in order to resolve this procedural matter.

During the consultations, several of those who had expressed reservations proposed, with a view to arriving at an agreement on the matter, that the Committee should elect two Vice-Chairmen to assist the Chairman at the same time that it elected the latter for a one-year term.

By 28 March 1972, the date fixed by the President of the Security Council for completing the consultations on this matter, no further proposals had been made in addition to the above-mentioned one calling for the problem to be solved by electing a Chairman and two Vice-Chairmen of the Committee for one-year terms; although certain members of the Security Council expressed reservations in this regard, no member of the Council proposed calling a special meeting of the Council on the matter, and the present consultation procedure for electing the officers of the Committee should therefore be regarded as having been established.

