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SUMMARY STATEMENT BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON MATTERS OF WHICH
THE SECURITY COUNCIL IS SEIZED AND ON THE STAGE REACHED IN
THEIR CONSIDERATION

Addendum

Pursuant to rule 11 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Security Council, the Secretary-General is submitting the following summary statement.

The list of items of which the Security Council is seized is contained in documents S/19420 of 11 January 1988, S/19420/Add.7 of 25 February 1988, S/19420/Add.11 of 25 March 1988, S/19420/Add.16 of 28 April 1988, S/19420/Add.28 of 22 July 1988 and S/19420/Add.44 of 8 November 1988.

During the week ending 26 November 1988, the Security Council took action on the following item:

The question of South Africa (see S/12269/Add.12, S/12269/Add.13, S/12269/Add.43, S/12269/Add.44, S/12269/Add.49, S/12520/Add.4, S/13033/Add.13, S/13033/Add.37, S/13737/Add.23, S/13737/Add.50, S/14326/Add.5, S/14326/Add.34, S/14326/Add.50, S/14840/Add.14, S/14840/Add.38, S/14840/Add.49, S/15560/Add.23, S/16270/Add.1, S/16270/Add.32, S/16270/Add.42, S/16270/Add.49, S/16880/Add.9, S/16880/Add.10, S/16880/Add.29, S/16880/Add.33, S/17725/Add.23, S/17725/Add.47, S/18570/Add.7, S/19420/Add.9, S/19420/Add.10, S/19420/Add.11 and S/19420/Add.24)

In a letter dated 23 November 1988 addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/20289), the Permanent Representative of Zambia to the United Nations requested that the Council be convened urgently under the item "The question of South Africa" to consider the question of the death sentence passed by the régime of South Africa on Paul Tefo Setlaba in the light of the intention of the South African authorities to implement that death sentence.

The Security Council resumed its consideration of the item at its 2830th meeting, on 23 November 1988, on the basis of the above request.

The President called attention to the text of a draft resolution (S/20290), submitted by Algeria, Argentina, Nepal, Senegal, Yugoslavia and Zambia.

The Security Council then proceeded to vote on the draft resolution and adopted it by 13 votes in favour, none against, with 2 abstentions (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America), as resolution 623 (1988).

Resolution 623 (1988) reads as follows:

The Security Council,

Having learned with grave concern of the intention of the South African authorities to implement the death sentence imposed on Mr. Paul Tefo Setlaba, an anti-apartheid activist, on the basis of so-called "common purpose",

Strongly urges the Government of South Africa to stay execution and commute the death sentence imposed on Mr. Paul Tefo Setlaba in order to avoid further aggravating the situation in South Africa.

