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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 complete list of items of which the Security Council is seized is contained in document S/11935 of 5 January 1976 and the pertinent addenda. During the week ending 8 May 1976, the Security Council took action on the following item:

The situation in the occupied Arab territories

In a letter dated 3 May 1976 addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/12066), the representative of Egypt called attention to the latest developments in the West Bank and Gaza Strip and requested an urgent meeting of the Security Council to consider the continued deterioration of the situation in the occupied Arab territories as a result of Israeli practices.

The Security Council included the item in its agenda at its 1916th meeting, held on 4 May 1976, and continued its discussion at the 1917th meeting on 5 May. In the course of those meetings, the President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Saudi Arabia and the Syrian Arab Republic, at their request, to participate in the discussion, without the right to vote.

At the 1916th meeting, the President called attention to the request contained in the letter from the representative of Egypt that the Palestine Liberation Organization be invited to participate in the debate. He said that that proposal was not formulated under rule 37 or rule 39 of the Security Council's provisional rules of procedure but that if it was adopted by the Council, the invitation to the Palestine Liberation Organization would confer on the latter the same rights of participation as were conferred when a Member State was invited to participate under rule 37.

Following discussion, the Security Council adopted the proposal by a vote of 11 in favour to 1 against (United States of America), with 3 abstentions (France, Italy and United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland).