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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/12269 of 5 January 1977 and the pertinent addenda. During the week ending 10 December 1977, 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 and S/12269/Add.44)

In a letter dated 5 December 1977 addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/12470), the representative of the United Republic of Cameroon requested, on behalf of the group of African States at the United Nations, that a meeting of the Security Council be convened as soon as possible to consider the establishment of a body to supervise the implementation of Security Council resolution 418 (1977) concerning the mandatory arms embargo against South Africa.

The Security Council considered the question at its 2052nd and 2053rd meetings on 9 December. At the 2052nd meeting, the President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of the United Republic of Cameroon and Saudi Arabia, at their request, to participate in the discussion without the right to vote. At the same meeting, in accordance with the request of Benin, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and Mauritius contained in a letter dated 9 December (S/12480), the Security Council extended an invitation under rule 39 of its provisional rules of procedure to Mr. M. J. Makatini. At its 2053rd meeting on 9 December, the Council extended an invitation under rule 39 to the Chairman of the Special Committee against Apartheid in accordance with his request.

At the 2052nd meeting, the representative of Benin introduced a draft resolution (S/12477), sponsored by Benin, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and Mauritius.

At the same meeting, the Security Council adopted the draft resolution (S/12477) unanimously as resolution 421 (1977). Resolution 421 (1977) reads as follows:

The Security Council,

Recalling its resolution 418 (1977) of 4 November 1977 in which it determined, having regard to the policies and acts of the South African Government, that the acquisition by South Africa of arms and related matériel constitutes a threat to the maintenance of international peace and security and established a mandatory arms embargo against South Africa,

Mindful of the need to have appropriate machinery in order to examine the progress of implementation of the measures envisaged by the provisions of resolution 418 (1977),

Noting that it requested the Secretary-General to report to the Council on the progress of the implementation of the above-mentioned resolution,

1. Decides to establish, in accordance with rule 28 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Security Council, a Committee of the Security Council, consisting of all the members of the Council, to undertake the following tasks and to report on its work to the Council with its observations and recommendations:

(a) To examine the report on the progress of the implementation of resolution 418 (1977) which will be submitted by the Secretary-General;

(b) To study ways and means by which the mandatory arms embargo could be made more effective against South Africa and to make recommendations to the Council;

(c) To seek from all States further information regarding the action taken by them concerning the effective implementation of the provisions laid down in resolution 418 (1977);

2. Calls upon all States to co-operate fully with the Committee in regard to the fulfilment of its tasks concerning the effective implementation of the provisions of resolution 418 (1977) and to supply such information as may be sought by the Committee in pursuance of the present resolution;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to provide all necessary assistance to the Committee and to make the necessary arrangements in the Secretariat for that purpose, including the provision of appropriate staff for the servicing of the Committee.
