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PROVISIONAL RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

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I. MEETINGS

Rule 1

The Security Council shall hold regular meetings at..... intervals.

Rule 2

The Security Council shall hold the periodic meetings called for in Article 28 (2) of the Charter at quarterly intervals as soon after the first of the month as may be convenient.

Rule 3

The President may at any time call extraordinary meetings of the Security Council at notice. He shall call such a meeting at the request of a member of the Security Council. He shall also call an extraordinary meeting as soon as he receives from any Member of the United Nations a communication drawing the attention of the Security Council to a dispute under Article 35 (1) of the Charter.

II. AGENDA

Rule 4

The provisional Agenda for each meeting shall be drawn up by the Secretary-General and approved by the President of the Security Council.

Rule 5

The provisional Agenda for each regular meeting shall be circulated by the Secretary-General to representatives on the Security Council in advance.

Rule 6

The provisional Agenda for each periodic meeting shall be circulated to the members of the Security Council at least twenty-one days before the opening of the meeting. Any subsequent change in or addition to this provisional agenda shall be brought to the notice of the members at least five days before the meeting. The Security Council may, however, in urgent circumstances, make additions to the Agenda at any time during a periodic meeting.

Rule 7

The provisional Agenda for an extraordinary meeting shall be communicated by the Secretary-General to the members of the Security Council and to their representatives on the Council simultaneously with the convocation of the extraordinary meeting.

Rule 8

The first item on the provisional Agenda of any meeting of the Security Council shall be the adoption of the Agenda.

III. PRESIDENCY

Rule 9

The Presidency of the Security Council shall be held in turn by the members of the Security Council in the English alphabetical order of their names. Each President shall hold office for one calendar month.

Rule 10

The President shall preside over the meetings of the Security Council and, under the authority of the Council, shall represent it in its capacity as an organ of the United Nations.

IV. SECRETARIAT

Rule 11

The Secretary-General shall act in that capacity in all meetings of the Security Council. The Secretary-General may authorize a deputy to act in his place at meetings of the Security Council.

Rule 12

The Secretary-General shall provide the staff required by the Security Council. This staff shall form a part of the Secretariat.

Rule 13

The Secretary-General shall give to representatives notice of meetings of the Security Council and its committees and of matters on the Agenda of these meetings.

Rule 14

The Secretary-General shall be responsible for the preparation of documents required by the Security Council and shall, except in urgent circumstances, distribute them at least forty-eight hours in advance of the meeting at which they are to be considered.

Rule 15

The Secretary-General may bring to the attention of the Security Council any matter which in his opinion may threaten the maintenance of international peace and security.

V. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

Rule 16

Any recommendation to the General Assembly regarding the appointment of the Secretary-General shall be discussed and decided at a private meeting.

Rule 17

The Security Council may invite members of the Secretariat or any person, whom it considers competent for the purpose, to supply it with information or to give their assistance in examining matters within its competence.

VI. LANGUAGES

Rule 18

The rules adopted at the San Francisco Conference regarding languages shall prevail until otherwise decided.

VII. VOTING

Rule 19

Voting in the Security Council shall be in accordance with the relevant Articles of the Charter and of the Statute of the International Court of Justice.

VIII. PUBLICITY OF MEETINGS

Rule 20

Unless it decides otherwise, the Security Council shall meet in public.

Rule 21

At the close of each private meeting, the Security Council shall issue a communique through the Secretary-General.

Rule 22

The verbatim record of public meetings and the documents relating thereto shall be published as soon as possible.

IX. RECORDS

Rule 23

Subject to the provisions of Rule 24, the Secretary-General shall keep a verbatim record of all meetings and shall send it as soon as possible to the representatives on the Council, who shall within forty-eight hours inform the Secretariat of any corrections they wish to have made.

Rule 24

The Security Council may decide that, for a private meeting, a summary record in a single copy shall alone be made. This record shall be kept by the Secretary-General, and the representatives of states who have taken part in the meeting may have corrections made in their own speeches within a period of ten days. On the expiry of this period the record shall be considered as approved, and shall be signed by the Secretary-General.

X. ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS

Rule 25

Any state which desires to become a Member of the United Nations shall submit an application to the Secretary-General. This application shall be accompanied by a declaration of its readiness to accept the obligations contained in the Charter.

Rule 26

The application for membership in the United Nations shall be placed by the Secretary-General before the Security Council, which shall decide whether in its judgment the applicant is a peace-loving state and is able and willing to carry out the obligations contained in the Charter.

Rule 27

Should the Security Council decide to recommend the applicant state for membership in the United Nations, this recommendation shall be placed before the General Assembly by the Secretary-General.
