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SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS S/4387 OF 14 JULY 1960, S/4405 OF
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Addendum No. 4

Note verbale dated 23 September 1960 from the Permanent
Mission of Belgium to the United Nations addressed to the
Secretary-General of the United Nations

At the request of its Government, the Permanent Mission of Belgium has the honour to draw the attention of the Secretary-General of the United Nations to the following note regarding the difficulties experienced by the Belgian Navy in evacuating certain of its units which are still stationed in Congolese territorial waters:

"The Belgian Navy currently has stationed in Congolese territorial waters certain units which it is unable to evacuate as rapidly as it would like because of transport difficulties.

"It should be noted that these difficulties constitute the sole reason why the withdrawal of the naval units referred to below cannot be carried out immediately. The Belgian Navy therefore wishes to suggest to the United Nations the following solutions, hoping that they will receive favourable consideration:

"1. The school ship NZADI is a unit which at present is grounded, has no motor and has no military value and no armament whatsoever.

The NZADI could be towed out to sea and scuttled. It could also be turned over to the custody of the United Nations Force, which could use it for the purpose for which it was used previously, as a floating barracks, until such time as it could be used once more for normal purposes, namely, the training of Congolese merchant seamen.

"2. Four small launches with light armament.

The SEMOIS, OURTHE, DENDER and RUPEL have long been in Congolese territorial waters. These launches are not suitable for navigation on the

high seas. They can only be repatriated aboard a cargo vessel, and one of them is in the process of being transported to Belgium in this manner.

The transport of these launches, however, requires a supporting cradle. Only one such cradle is available. Thus they can be removed only gradually, at about the rate of one launch per month, which is the length of time required for a round trip.

"3. One small unarmed ferry, the BENGA, could likewise be repatriated on a cradle. Arrangements for it to be taken over could, on the other hand, be negotiated locally.

"4. Six barges (ZMI to ZMS)

The only way in which these barges could be repatriated would be by cargo ship. On the other hand, considering how useful they might be for such purposes as transporting food, the best solution would be to re-sell them locally.

"5. One tug, the VALCKE.

This tug is required at present, if only to haul the above-mentioned barges in case of need. If a solution could be found for the barges, this tug could be repatriated to Belgium."

The Permanent Mission of Belgium has the honour to be, etc.

