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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

Pursuant to rule 11 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Security Council, the Secretary-General wishes to submit the following statement on matters of which the Security Council is seized and on the stage reached in their consideration on 15 December 1956.

1. The Iranian question (see S/3618)
2. Special agreements under Article 43 and the organization of the armed forces made available to the Security Council (see S/3618)
3. Rules of procedure of the Security Council (see S/3618)
4. Statutes and rules of procedure of the Military Staff Committee (see S/3618)
5. The general regulation and reduction of armaments and information on the armed forces of the United Nations (see S/3618)
6. Appointment of a governor for the Free Territory of Trieste (see S/3618)
7. The Egyptian question (see S/3618)
8. The Indonesian question (see S/3618)
9. Voting procedure in the Security Council (see S/3618)
10. Reports of the strategic Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands pursuant to the resolution of the Security Council of 7 March 1949 (see S/3618)
11. Applications for membership (see S/3618, S/3687, S/3700 and S/3738)

At its 756th meeting, held on 12 December 1956 pursuant to a request by the representative of Iran (S/3753), the Security Council considered the application of Japan for admission to membership in the United Nations, which had been reaffirmed in a letter dated 6 December (S/3752) from the Japanese Observer to the United Nations. The Council unanimously adopted a draft resolution submitted by Peru (S/3754) recommending to the General Assembly that Japan be admitted to membership in the United Nations.

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At the same meeting, pursuant to a request by the representative of the USSR (S/3755), the Security Council considered the application of the Mongolian People's Republic for admission to membership. That application was reaffirmed in a cablegram dated 10 December 1956 (S/3757) from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Mongolian People's Republic. A USSR draft resolution (annexed to S/3755) providing that the Security Council should recommend to the General Assembly the admission of the Mongolian People's Republic was not adopted, having received 4 votes in favour (Iran, Peru, USSR and Yugoslavia) to 2 against (China and Cuba), with 5 abstentions.

12. The Palestine question (see S/3618, S.3687, S/3700 and S/3738)
13. The India-Pakistan question (see S/3618)
14. The Czechoslovak question (see S/3618)
15. The question of the Free Territory of Trieste (see S/3618)
16. The Hyderabad question (see S/3618)
17. Identic notifications dated 29 September 1948 from the Governments of the French Republic, the United Kingdom and the United States of America to the Secretary-General (see S/3618)
18. International control of atomic energy (see S/3618)
19. Complaint of armed invasion of Taiwan (Formosa) (see S/3618)
20. Complaint of bombing by air forces of the territory of China (see S/3618)
21. Complaint of failure by the Iranian Government to comply with provisional measures indicated by the International Court of Justice in the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company case (see S/3618)
22. Question of an appeal to States to accede to and ratify the Geneva Protocol of 1925 for the prohibition of the use of bacterial weapons (see S/3618)
23. Question of a request for investigation of alleged bacterial warfare (see S/3618)
24. Letter dated 29 May 1954 from the acting representative of Thailand to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (see S/3618)
25. Cablegram dated 19 June 1954 from the Minister of External Relations of Guatemala addressed to the President of the Security Council (see S/3618)
26. Letter dated 8 September 1954 from the representative of the United States of America addressed to the President of the Security Council (see S/3618)

27. Letter dated 28 January 1955 from the representative of New Zealand addressed to the President of the Security Council concerning the question of hostilities in the area of certain islands off the coast of the mainland of China. Letter dated 30 January 1955 from the representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics addressed to the President of the Security Council concerning the question of acts of aggression by the United States of America against the People's Republic of China in the area of Taiwan and other islands of China (see S/3618)
28. Situation created by the unilateral action of the Egyptian Government in bringing to an end the system of international operation of the Suez Canal which was confirmed and completed by the Suez Canal Convention of 1888 (see S/3661, S/3667 and S/3677)
29. Actions against Egypt by some Powers, particularly France and the United Kingdom, which constitute a danger to international peace and security and are serious violations of the Charter of the United Nations (see S/3661)
30. The situation in Hungary (see S/3738 and S/3740)
31. Military assistance rendered by the Egyptian Government to the rebels in Algeria (see S/3738)
32. Letter dated 30 October 1956 from the representative of Egypt addressed to the President of the Security Council (see S/3738)

