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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 list of items of which the Security Council is seized is contained in documents S/20370 of 11 January 1989 and S/20370/Add.16 of 2 May 1989.

During the week ending 17 June 1989, the Security Council took action on the following item:

Marking of plastic or sheet explosives for the purpose of detection

The Security Council met to consider the item at its 2869th meeting, held on 14 June 1989, in accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution (S/20690), which had been prepared in the course of the Council's consultations.

The Security Council then proceeded to vote on the draft resolution (S/20690) and adopted it unanimously as resolution 635 (1989).

Resolution 635 (1989) reads as follows:

The Security Council,

Conscious of the implications of acts of terrorism for international security,

Deeply concerned by all acts of unlawful interference against international civil aviation,

Mindful of the important role of the United Nations in supporting and encouraging efforts by all States and intergovernmental organizations in preventing and eliminating all acts of terrorism, including those involving the use of explosives,

Determined to encourage the promotion of effective measures to prevent acts of terrorism,

Concerned at the ease with which plastic or sheet explosives can be used in acts of terrorism with little risk of detection,

Noting the International Civil Aviation Organization Council resolution of 16 February 1989, in which it urged its member States to expedite current research and development on detection of explosives and on security equipment,

1. Condemns all acts of unlawful interference against the security of civil aviation;

2. Calls upon all States to co-operate in devising and implementing measures to prevent all acts of terrorism, including those involving explosives;

3. Welcomes the work already undertaken by the International Civil Aviation Organization, and by other international organizations, aimed at preventing and eliminating all acts of terrorism, in particular in the field of aviation security;

4. Urges the International Civil Aviation Organization to intensify its work aimed at preventing all acts of terrorism against international civil aviation, and in particular its work on devising an international régime for the marking of plastic or sheet explosives for the purpose of detection;

5. Urges all States, and in particular the producers of plastic or sheet explosives, to intensify research into means of making such explosives more easily detectable, and to co-operate in this endeavour;

6. Calls upon all States to share the results of such research and co-operation with a view to devising, in the International Civil Aviation Organization and other competent international organizations, an international régime for the marking of plastic or sheet explosives for the purpose of detection.

Following the adoption of the resolution, the President stated that the Security Council had thereby concluded its consideration of the item on the agenda.

