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ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS TO THE UNITED NATIONS

Special report of the Security Council

1. In a letter dated 10 August 1976 addressed to the Secretary-General, the Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam submitted the application of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam for membership in the United Nations (A/31/180-S/12183).
2. At its 1955th meeting, on 10 September 1976, the Security Council included the question in its agenda without objection. The President, in the absence of a proposal to the contrary, referred the application to the Committee on the Admission of New Members for consideration and report, in accordance with rule 59 of the provisional rules of procedure. The Security Council decided that the Committee on the Admission of New Members should meet on 14 September to consider the application, but on 14 September, following an initiative of the French delegation, the Council decided to postpone consideration of the matter until a date in November (S/12200).
3. The Committee on the Admission of New Members held two meetings, on 10 November, and as it was unable to make a unanimous recommendation to the Security Council, it approved a report (S/12225) reflecting the attitudes of delegations towards the application.
4. At its 1970th to 1972nd meetings, on 12 and 15 November, the Security Council considered the report of the Committee on the Admission of New Members. The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Bulgaria, the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Kampuchea, Democratic Yemen, the German Democratic Republic, Guinea, Hungary, India, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Madagascar, Mali, Malta, Mexico, Mongolia, Poland, Sri Lanka, the Syrian Arab Republic, the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic and Yugoslavia, in accordance with their requests, to participate in the discussion of the question without the right to vote, pursuant to Article 31 of the Charter of the United Nations.

5. At its 1972nd meeting, the Council agreed, pursuant to a request made in a letter dated 15 November 1976 from the representatives of Benin, China, France, Guyana, the Libyan Arab Republic, Pakistan, Romania, Sweden, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United Republic of Tanzania (S/12229), to invite the representative of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam to present the point of view of his Government on the question inscribed on the agenda.

6. In the course of the discussion, the representative of Guyana introduced a draft resolution (S/12226), sponsored by Benin, China, France, Guyana, the Libyan Arab Republic, Pakistan, Panama, Romania, Sweden, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United Republic of Tanzania, whereby the Security Council would recommend to the General Assembly the admission of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam to membership in the United Nations.

7. At the same meeting, the Security Council proceeded to vote on the 11-Power draft resolution (S/12226). It received 14 votes in favour and 1 against, with no abstentions. The draft resolution was therefore not adopted owing to the negative vote of a permanent member. The voting was as follows:

In favour: Benin, China, France, Guyana, Italy, Japan, Libyan Arab Republic, Pakistan, Panama, Romania, Sweden, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania.

Against: United States of America.

Abstaining: None.

8. As the Security Council therefore was unable to recommend the application of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam for membership in the United Nations, it decided at the same meeting to submit this special report to the General Assembly, in accordance with the third paragraph of rule 60 of its provisional rules of procedure, and to transmit therewith the verbatim records of its 1955th and 1970th to 1972nd meetings, which contain a complete record of the discussion (S/PV.1955, 1970-1972).

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