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2576th MEETING

Held in New York on Thursday, 25 April 1985, at 8 p.m.

President: Mr. Javier ARIAS STELLA (Peru).

Present: The representatives of the following States: Australia, Burkina Faso, China, Denmark, Egypt, France, India, Madagascar, Peru, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

Provisional agenda (S/Agenda/2576)

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation between Iran and Iraq:
Report of the Secretary-General on his visit to Iran and Iraq (S/17097);
Letter dated 17 April 1985 from the Secretary-General to the President of the Security Council (S/17127)

The meeting was called to order at 9 p.m.

Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted.

The situation between Iran and Iraq:

Report of the Secretary-General on his visit to Iran and Iraq (S/17097);
Letter dated 17 April 1985 from the Secretary-General to the President of the Security Council (S/17127)

1. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from Spanish*): Members of the Council have before them document S/17097, containing the report of the Secretary-General on his visit to Iran and Iraq and document S/17127, containing a letter dated 17 April 1985 from the Secretary-General to the President of the Council.
2. On behalf of the members of the Security Council, I am authorized to make the following statement:

"The members of the Security Council, seized with the continuing conflict between Iran and Iraq, are appalled that chemical weapons have been used against Iranian soldiers during the month of March 1985 in the war between the two countries, as concluded in the

report of the medical specialist appointed by the Secretary-General [S/17127 and Add.1*].

"They recall the statement of 30 March 1984 by the President of the Security Council on behalf of the members [2524th meeting]. They strongly condemn the renewed use of chemical weapons in the conflict and any possible future use of such weapons. They again urge the strict observance of the Geneva Protocol of 1925,¹ according to which the use in war of chemical weapons is prohibited and has been justly condemned by the world community.

"The members of the Council condemn all violations of international humanitarian law and urge both parties to observe the generally recognized principles and rules of international humanitarian law which are applicable to armed conflicts and their obligations under international conventions designed to prevent or alleviate the human suffering of warfare. At the same time, they urge a cessation of hostilities and remain convinced that a prompt, comprehensive, just and honourable settlement acceptable to both sides is essential and in the interest of international peace and security.

"The members of the Council express their full appreciation and support to the Secretary-General for his report contained in document S/17097. They are ready to issue at the appropriate moment an invitation to both parties to take part in a renewed examination of all aspects of the conflict. They call on the parties to cooperate with the Security Council and with the Secretary-General in their efforts to restore peace to the peoples of Iran and Iraq."

* Issued on 30 April 1985.

3. The Security Council has thus concluded the present stage of its consideration of the item on its agenda.

The meeting rose at 9.10 p.m.

NOTE

¹ League of Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. XCIV (1929), No. 2138.

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