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NINE HUNDRED AND FOURTH MEETINGHeld at Headquarters, New York,  
on Thursday, 11 January 1990, at 5.20 p.m.

President: Mr. ESSY (Côte d'Ivoire)

Members:

Canada	Mr. FORTIER
China	Mr. LI Luye
Colombia	Mr. PEÑALOSA
Cuba	Mr. ORAMAS OLIVA
Democratic Yemen	Mr. AL-ASHTAL
Ethiopia	Mr. TADESSE
Finland	Mr. TORNUDD
France	Mr. DE LA SABLIERE
Malaysia	Mr. RAZALI
Romania	Mr. VOICU
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	Mr. BELONOGOV
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Sir Crispin TICKELL
United States of America	Mr. PICKERING
Zaire	Mr. LUKABU KHABOUJI N'ZAJI

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The meeting was called to order at 5.25 p.m.

OPENING STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from French): At the beginning of 1990, on the threshold of the last decade of the twentieth century, I should like to extend my best wishes to all the members of the Council and other representatives and to the Secretary-General and his staff. Côte d'Ivoire began its term of office as a member of the Security Council on 1 January 1990. At the same time it assumed the presidency of this important organ of the United Nations. In shouldering this great responsibility, Côte d'Ivoire is mindful of the need to respect the ideals of the Charter of the United Nations.

EXPRESSION OF WELCOME TO THE NEW MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND OF THANKS TO THE OUTGOING MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from French): In presiding over this first meeting of the Security Council in 1990, I am happy to welcome the other new members of the Council, Cuba, Democratic Yemen, Romania and Zaire. The Council is fortunate to be able to draw upon the knowledge and experience of their representatives.

I also take this opportunity to pay tribute to the outgoing members of the Council - Algeria, Brazil, Nepal, Senegal and Yugoslavia. On behalf of the Council I express heartfelt gratitude to them for their valuable contributions to the work of the Council over the past two years. The representatives of those States have spared no effort to find positive solutions to the complex problems before the Council, in a spirit of understanding and sincere collaboration. I express our deep appreciation to the delegations of those States, and especially to their Permanent Representatives to the United Nations, Their Excellencies Ambassadors Hocine Djoudi, Paulo Nogueira-Batista, Jai Pratap Rana, Absa Claude Diallo and Dragoslav Pejic. I wish them every success in their future activities, and I hope that the Council will be able to call on them when necessary.

## EXPRESSION OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING PRESIDENT

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from French): I should also like to take this opportunity to pay a well-deserved tribute, on behalf of the Council, to His Excellency Dr. Enrique Peñalosa, Permanent Representative of Colombia to the United Nations, for the competence he displayed as President of the Security Council for the month of December 1989. I take pleasure in mentioning here his great generosity in providing his successor with all the logistical support necessary to ensure the success of our deliberations. On behalf of the members of the Council, I express our gratitude to Ambassador Peñalosa.

## ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was adopted.

## THE SITUATION RELATING TO AFGHANISTAN

LETTER DATED 9 JANUARY 1990 FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL (S/21071)

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from French): The Security Council will now begin its consideration of the item on its agenda.

Members of the Council have before them a letter dated 9 January 1990 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council, contained in document S/21071.

Members of the Council also have before them document S/21073, which contains the text of the draft resolution that has been prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

(The President)

I should like to draw the attention of members of the Council to document S/20465, which contains the text of a note by the Secretary-General dated 15 February 1989, and to document S/20911, which contains the text of a report of the Secretary-General dated 20 October 1989.

It is my understanding that the Council is ready to proceed to the vote on the draft resolution before it. Unless I hear any objection, I shall now put the draft resolution to the vote.

There being no objection, it is so decided.

A vote was taken by show of hands.

In favour: Canada, China, Colombia, Cote d'Ivoire, Cuba, Democratic Yemen, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Malaysia, Romania, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Zaire

Against: None

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from French): The result of the voting is as follows: 15 votes in favour, none against. The draft resolution has been adopted unanimously as resolution 647 (1990).

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

The meeting rose at 5.30 p.m.