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Held at Headquarters, New York,
on Tuesday, 14 August 1990, at 4.30 p.m.

President: Mr. MUNTEANU

(Romania)

<u>Members:</u> Canada	Mr. KIRSCH
China	Mr. YU Mengjia
Colombia	Mr. PEÑALOSA
Côte d'Ivoire	Mr. ANET
Cuba	Mr. ALARCON de QUESADA
Ethiopia	Mr. TADESSE
Finland	Ms. RASI
France	Mr. BLANC
Malaysia	Mr. REDZUAN
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	Mr. LOZINSKY
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Mr. RICHARDSON
United States of America	Mr. WATSON
Yemen	Mr. AL-ALFI
Zaire	Mr. BAGBENI ADEITO NZENGEYA

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The meeting was called to order at 5 p.m.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was adopted.

ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS CONCERNING THE APPLICATION OF THE PRINCIPALITY OF LIECHTENSTEIN FOR ADMISSION TO MEMBERSHIP IN THE UNITED NATIONS (S/21506)

The PRESIDENT: The Security Council will now begin its consideration of the report of the Committee on the Admission of New Members concerning the application of the Principality of Liechtenstein for admission to membership in the United Nations. That report appears in document S/21506.

In paragraph 3 of the report, the Committee recommends to the Security Council the adoption of a draft resolution on the application for membership of the Principality of Liechtenstein. In accordance with the procedure followed on previous occasions, I propose that the Council should first proceed to the vote on the draft resolution and that those who wish to speak should do so thereafter. If I hear no objection, I shall take it that that procedure is acceptable to the members of the Council.

There being no objection, it is so decided.

I shall now put to the vote the draft resolution contained in paragraph 3 of the report (S/21506) of the Committee on the Admission of New Members concerning the application of the Principality of Liechtenstein for admission to membership in the United Nations.

A vote was taken by show of hands.

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

The PRESIDENT: There were 15 votes in favour. The draft resolution has thus been adopted unanimously as resolution 663 (1990).

I wish to extend warm congratulations to the Government of the Principality of Liechtenstein on having received the unanimous support of the Council for its application for membership in the Organization. I shall immediately convey this decision to the Secretary-General for transmission to the General Assembly in accordance with the provisions of rule 60 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

I shall now call on those members of the Council who wish to make statements following the voting.

Mr. RICHARDSON (United Kingdom): My delegation was very glad to vote in favour of the draft resolution to recommend to the General Assembly that the Principality of Liechtenstein be admitted to membership of the United Nations. Liechtenstein already participates in several agencies of the United Nations. It plays a full part in the Council of Europe and an active and constructive role in the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe (CSCE). My Government has no doubt that Liechtenstein is fully capable of carrying out the obligations of Member States of the United Nations, as set out in the Charter, and gladly supports Liechtenstein's application.

Mr. WATSON (United States of America): The United States Government is pleased to support the application of the Principality of Liechtenstein to join the United Nations. The desire of Liechtenstein to join the United Nations as its 160th Member is a reflection of the strength of the international ideal and of the increasing value of international co-operation.

We shall welcome Liechtenstein to the United Nations. We look forward to its contribution to the work of the Organization and anticipate expanding our already warm relationship through further co-operation here in New York.

Mr. KIRSCH (Canada) (interpretation from French): My delegation was very pleased to vote in favour of the request for admission of the Principality of Liechtenstein to membership of the United Nations. Canada will be happy to welcome Liechtenstein to the General Assembly and we look forward to its participation in all the activities of the Organization.

We see in this request for admission further proof of the renewed vitality of the United Nations, and we hope to develop with Liechtenstein an ongoing dialogue on the many issues now before the United Nations as well as close co-operation in the months and years to come.

Mr. PEÑALOSA (Colombia) (interpretation from Spanish): In the midst of the many problems the world has been facing in recent days, it is reassuring to be meeting on such a welcome occasion as this, when the Security Council has recommended to the General Assembly the admission of Liechtenstein as the 160th Member of the United Nations. In welcoming this recommendation regarding the Principality of Liechtenstein - a country small in size but great in terms of its democracy, its respect for human rights and its love for peace - the delegation of Colombia wishes to convey to that country our fraternal support in the carrying out of the tasks that lie before it.

Ms. RAEI (Finland): It is always an important occasion when a State seeks membership in the United Nations. It is almost two decades since a European State became a Member. With the entry of Liechtenstein, very little of Europe will remain outside the Organization. Though the final decision on this matter - be it only a formality - will be taken by the General Assembly later on, let me use this opportunity to congratulate the representatives of the Principality of Liechtenstein on today's decision. The members of the Security Council have no doubt of Liechtenstein's will and ability to accept and fully carry out the obligations of the United Nations Charter. This gives great pleasure to my country, Finland, and we look forward to co-operating with the representatives of the Principality of Liechtenstein in various bodies of the Organization.

Mr. YU Mengjia (China) (interpretation from Chinese): We are very pleased to be here to consider the application of the Principality of Liechtenstein for membership in the United Nations. On 10 August 1990, in a letter to the Secretary-General, the Head of Government of the Principality of Liechtenstein submitted that country's application for membership of the United Nations and declared that his country would accept and discharge the obligations provided for under the United Nations Charter. The Chinese delegation is of the view that the

(Mr. Yu Mengjia, China)

Principality of Liechtenstein is a peace-loving country and, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter, meets the requirements for United Nations membership. Hence, my delegation will fully support Liechtenstein's application. We were therefore also in favour of the Security Council's recommending to the General Assembly that it admit Liechtenstein to membership of the United Nations.

In recent years the Principality of Liechtenstein has participated actively in international affairs and has developed its relations with other countries. We are confident that on becoming a Member Liechtenstein will work together with the other Members of the United Nations and make its own contribution to safeguarding international peace, security and justice and to realizing the purposes and principles enshrined in the United Nations Charter.

There has existed between China and Liechtenstein a relationship of friendship. Bilateral ties in the political, economic and cultural fields have grown steadily in recent years. We are convinced that Sino-Liechtenstein relations will continue to expand in future. We also look forward to the establishment of cordial relations and co-operation between our two Permanent Missions to the United Nations.

Mr. LOZINSKY (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) (interpretation from Russian): The Soviet Union supported the request by the Principality of Liechtenstein for admission to membership of the United Nations on the basis of our conviction that all States, large and small, can and should make their contribution to the process of strengthening security and expanding mutual understanding between peoples. In that connection, this universal Organization, the United Nations, enables us to act, combining the peace-loving potential of all Members.

The Principality of Liechtenstein is well known for its participation in, inter alia, building the common European home and its rich experience in working

(Mr. Lozinsky, USSR)

within the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe. We are pleased at the positive decision just taken by the Security Council and we congratulate the Principality of Liechtenstein on that decision. We are certain that this new Member of the United Nations will make a positive contribution to the multifaceted work of the Organization. For our part, we are ready to co-operate with it in all spheres.

Mr. REDZUAN (Malaysia): Malaysia fully supported the application of the Principality of Liechtenstein for membership in the United Nations. My Government stands ready to lend its full co-operation to Liechtenstein and looks forward to working with it in this Organization for the betterment of the international community. Malaysia has always maintained that this Organization plays a central role in the maintenance of international peace and security and in solving international problems of an economic, social, cultural and humanitarian character. My delegation is confident that Liechtenstein will make a positive contribution to the multifaceted activities of the United Nations. We wish Liechtenstein all success.

Mr. BLANC (France) (interpretation from French): Welcoming a new Member to the United Nations is always a happy occasion bearing witness to the Organization's distinguished place in international life. Accordingly, the French Government supports the admission of Liechtenstein to the United Nations and is pleased that the Council unanimously adopted the draft resolution before it.

Mr. AL-ALFI (Yemen) (interpretation from Arabic): It was a pleasure for my delegation to support the application of the Principality of Liechtenstein for admission to membership of the United Nations. We believe that this new Member of the United Nations will promote the purposes and principles of the United Nations Charter. We look forward to further co-operation with the Principality of Liechtenstein in the service of those purposes and principles.

Mr. TADESSE (Ethiopia): My delegation was very happy to join in the Council's unanimous recommendation that Liechtenstein be admitted to membership of the United Nations. We did so in the conviction that the Principality of Liechtenstein will contribute to strengthening the United Nations and we look forward to co-operating with the new Member as well as to its heightened contribution to the work of the international Organization.

I shall be pleased to welcome the Principality of Liechtenstein to membership of our Organization.

The PRESIDENT: I shall now make a statement in my capacity as representative of Romania.

It is a matter of great satisfaction that after days and nights of complex debates and consultations on a highly political issue the Security Council is now dealing with a positive, promising and gratifying event such as the admission of a new Member State to the United Nations.

Romania pledges its full support for the application for membership in the United Nations submitted by Liechtenstein, and voted for it. We are particularly happy to welcome to the world Organization a European State of the area to which my own country belongs, which will offer Romania and Liechtenstein many auspicious occasions to develop and diversify their ties of friendship and co-operation, which are based on a long tradition of sympathy and mutual respect.

In welcoming Liechtenstein to the United Nations, Romania is aware of its potential contribution both at the regional European level and at the universal level, in keeping with the noble objectives laid down in the Charter of the United Nations.

We are pleased to see that Liechtenstein participates actively and regularly in the CSCE follow-up process as well as in various specialized agencies of the United Nations as a partner in multilateral co-operation which enjoys the high esteem of all States.

I should like to place it on record that I am particularly pleased and honoured to have been so closely associated in the accomplishment of this happy event. The recommendation we have adopted is the culmination of the diplomatic efforts and achievements of Liechtenstein in the international arena and a powerful acknowledgement of its genuine dedication to the humanistic ideals of peace, friendship and general understanding.

(The President)

The maintenance of peace requires that the United Nations be universal in membership and in the scope of its activities and programmes. In this regard the admission of Liechtenstein will reconfirm one of the basic ideals and natural vocations of the United Nations, namely its universality. Liechtenstein will become the 160th Member of the world Organization, thus bringing the United Nations nearer its full quantitative universality. Moreover, by its valuable contribution as a peace-loving country to the settlement of the global and arduous problems of humankind and to the development of the multifaceted activities of the United Nations, Liechtenstein will also help to strengthen the qualitative dimension of the universality of our Organization. Indeed if all nations large and small are moved by common universal values, our world will be a safer place for present and future generations. The admission of Liechtenstein to the United Nations is a historic event which emphasizes in our collective memory the permanent topicality of the imperative need to support the United Nations as the best instrument yet devised for keeping peace, building nations and protecting their dignity and aspirations.

I now resume my functions as President of the Council.

There are no further speakers for this meeting. The Council has thus concluded its consideration of the matter before it.

The meeting rose at 5.25 p.m.