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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 document S/13033 of 9 January 1979.

During the week ending 8 December 1979, the Security Council took action on the following item:

Letter dated 25 November 1979 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (see S/13033/Add.47)

The Security Council continued its consideration of the item at its 2176th through 2178th meetings, held between 2 and 4 December 1979. In the course of those meetings, the President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, the Federal Republic of Germany, Greece, Japan, Malawi, Mauritius, the Netherlands, Panama, Spain, Swaziland and Yugoslavia, at their request, to participate in the discussion without the right to vote.

At the 2178th meeting on 4 December, the President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution (S/13677) that had been prepared in the course of consultations among members of the Council. The draft resolution received 15 votes in favour and was adopted unanimously as resolution 457 (1979).

Resolution 457 (1979) reads as follows:

The Security Council,

Having considered the letter dated 25 November 1979 from the Secretary-General (S/13646),

Deeply concerned at the dangerous level of tension between Iran and the United States of America, which could have grave consequences for international peace and security,

Recalling the appeal made by the President of the Security Council on 9 November 1979 (S/13616), which was reiterated on 27 November 1979 (S/13652),

Taking note of the letter dated 13 November 1979 from the Foreign Minister of Iran (S/13626) relative to the grievances of Iran,

Mindful of the obligation of States to settle their international disputes by peaceful means in such a manner that international peace and security, and justice, are not endangered,

Conscious of the responsibility of States to refrain in their international relations from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any State, or in any other manner inconsistent with the purposes of the United Nations,

Reaffirming the solemn obligation of all States parties to both the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 1961 and the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations of 1963 to respect the inviolability of diplomatic personnel and the premises of their missions,

1. Urgently calls on the Government of Iran to release immediately the personnel of the Embassy of the United States of America being held in Teheran, to provide them protection and to allow them to leave the country;
2. Further calls on the Governments of Iran and of the United States of America to take steps to resolve peacefully the remaining issues between them to their mutual satisfaction in accordance with the purposes and principles of the United Nations;
3. Urges the Governments of Iran and of the United States of America to exercise the utmost restraint in the prevailing situation;
4. Requests the Secretary-General to lend his good offices for the immediate implementation of this resolution and to take all appropriate measures to this end;
5. Decides that the Council will remain actively seized of the matter and requests the Secretary-General to report urgently to it on developments regarding his efforts.
