
Chapter VII

Practice relative to recommendations to the General Assembly regarding membership in the United Nations

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Introductory note

The present chapter considers the practice of the Security Council in its recommendations to the General Assembly concerning applications for membership in the United Nations.

Part I sets forth in tabular form the application for admission considered and the decisions taken thereon by the Security Council and the General Assembly during the period under review.

Parts II to V concern the procedures employed by the Council in the consideration of the application. The parts entitled “Consideration of the adoption or amendment of rules 58-60 of the provisional rules of procedure”, and “The roles of the General Assembly and the Security Council” do not appear in the present Supplement as no material was found for inclusion therein.

During the period under review, the Council recommended the admission of one State to membership in the United Nations.

Part I

Applications for admission to membership in the United Nations and action taken thereon by the Security Council and the General Assembly, 2004-2007

Note

As in the previous Supplements to the *Repertoire*, part I contains information on the applications before the Council during the period under review and the decisions taken thereon by the Council and the General Assembly. Section A (Applications recommended by the Security Council), section B (Discussion of the question in the Security Council), and section C (Action taken by the Security Council and the General Assembly on the applications submitted for membership) have been maintained from previous Supplements. The sections entitled “Applications pending on 1 January 2004”, “Applications that failed to obtain a recommendation” and “Applications pending at the end of the period under review” do not appear in the present Supplement as no material was found for inclusion therein.

A. Applications recommended by the Security Council

In the period 1 January 2004 to 31 December 2007, the Security Council recommended one State for admission to membership in the United Nations, namely, Montenegro.

B. Discussion of the question in the Security Council

The Council held two meetings¹ to consider the application of Montenegro for admission to membership.

¹ See section C below.

C. Action taken by the Security Council and the General Assembly on the applications submitted between 1 January 2004 and 31 December 2007

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Application and dates of submission and circulation</i>	<i>Referral to Council meeting and date</i>	<i>Committee meeting and date; Committee report and recommendations</i>	<i>Decision of the Council: Council meeting and date</i>	<i>Security Council resolution/ presidential statement</i>	<i>Vote</i>	<i>General Assembly plenary meeting and date</i>	<i>General Assembly resolution</i>	<i>Vote</i>	<i>Result of proceedings</i>
Montenegro	S/2006/409 5.06.2006 16.06.2006	5471st mtg. 21.06.2006 Referred by President	107th meeting 21.06.2006 Draft resolution recommending admission	5473rd 22.06.2006	Draft resolution contained in S/2006/425 adopted as resolution 1691 (2006) President made a statement (S/PRST/2006/27)	Adopted without a vote	60th session, 91st plen. mtg. 28.06.2006	60/264	Adopted by acclamation	Admitted

* Committee on the Admission of New Members.

Part II

Presentation of applications

Material concerning the presentation of the application of Montenegro — that is, the submission of the application to the Secretary-General, its immediate communication to representatives on the Security Council pursuant to rule 59 of the provisional rules of procedure and its subsequent inclusion in the provisional agenda of the Council — may be found in the table in section C of Part I above. The application of Montenegro, submitted on 5 June 2006, was circulated by the Secretary-General on 16 June 2006 and included in the agenda of the Council on 21 June 2006.

Part III

Referral of applications to the Committee on the Admission of New Members

During the period under review, the application of Montenegro was referred by the President of the Security Council to the Committee on the Admission of New Members. There was no proposal to waive the application of rule 59 of the provisional rules of procedure.²

Part IV

Procedures in the consideration of applications within the Security Council

In connection with the application of Montenegro, the Council adopted the draft resolution submitted by the Committee on the Admission of New Members without a debate or a vote, “in accordance with the understanding reached in prior consultations among members of the Council”.³ Following the adoption of the resolution, the President of the Council made a statement on behalf of the members of the Council.⁴

² Rule 59 provides, *inter alia*, that “unless the Security Council decides otherwise, the application shall be referred by the President to a Committee of the Security Council upon which each member of the Security Council shall be represented”.

³ Resolution 1691 (2006).

⁴ S/PRST/2006/27.

Part V

Practice relative to the applicability of Articles 4, 5 and 6 of the Charter

During the period under review, the Council did not consider or take measures under Articles 5 or 6 of the Charter. In the presidential statement issued at the 5743rd meeting of the Council held to consider the admission of Montenegro to membership in the United Nations,⁵ reference was made to the criteria for membership contained in Article 4 (1).⁶

⁵ Ibid.

⁶ The text of Article 4 (1) reads as follows: “Membership in the United Nations is open to all other peace-loving States which accept the obligations contained in the present Charter and, in the judgement of the Organization, are able and willing to carry out these obligations”.