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Introduction

The present publication constitutes the seventeenth supplement to the Repertoire of the Practice of the Security Council, 1946-1951, which was issued in 1954. It covers the proceedings of the Security Council from the 6255th meeting, held on 6 January 2010, to the 6699th meeting, held on 22 December 2011. The original Repertoire and previous supplements may be consulted at www.un.org/en/sc/reertoire.

The Repertoire was mandated by the General Assembly in its resolution 686 (VII) of 5 December 1952, entitled “Ways and means for making the evidence of customary international law more readily available”. It is a guide to the proceedings of the Council and sets forth in a readily accessible form the practices and procedures to which the Council has had recourse. The Repertoire is not intended as a substitute for the records of the Council, which constitute the only comprehensive and authoritative account of its deliberations.

The categories employed to arrange the material are not intended to suggest the existence of procedures or practices that have not been clearly or demonstrably established by the Council itself. The Council is at all times, within the framework of the Charter of the United Nations, its own provisional rules of procedure, and practice established through notes by the President of the Security Council, master of its own procedure. For ease of reference, this introduction contains a table indicating the membership of the Security Council during the period under review.

In recording the Council’s practice, the headings under which the practices and procedures of the Council were presented in the original volume have been largely retained. Where necessary, however, adjustments have been made to better reflect the Council’s practice. For example, the studies contained in part I of the present publication are organized according to region or thematic issues.

The Repertoire of the Practice of the Security Council covers four primary areas, namely, the application of the provisional rules of procedure, the application of Articles of the Charter of the United Nations, the subsidiary organs of the Security Council, including peacekeeping and peacebuilding missions, and an overview of Council activities for each item on its agenda. From 1946-2007, each Supplement to the Repertoire, generally covering a period of two to four years, comprised 12 chapters. Since 2008, each Supplement to the Repertoire, covering a period of two years, comprises 10 parts.

From 1946 to 2007, the 12 chapters cover the following topics:

Chapter I  Provisional rules of procedure of the Security Council (Articles 28, 30, 98; rules 1-5, 13-36, 40-67 of the rules of procedure)
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The resolutions and other decisions adopted by the Security Council, including statements and notes issued by the President of the Council and relevant exchanges of letters between the President and the Secretary-General, are published in the yearly volumes of *Resolutions and Decisions of the Security Council*. Resolutions are identified by a number followed by the year of adoption in parentheses, for example, resolution 1969 (2011). References to the statements by the President on behalf of the Council are given in the form of S/PRST/2011/5, for example.

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