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The present volume constitutes the third 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 845th meeting on 30 January 1959 to the 1085th meeting on 27 December 1963. Further supplements covering the proceedings of later meetings will be issued at suitable intervals.

In order to make it easier to trace the Security Council's practice in respect of any given topic over the entire period covered by the four volumes, the headings under which the practices and procedures of the Security Council were presented in the original volume have been generally maintained unchanged in this supplement. New headings have been inserted where required. Topics which the Council has not discussed anew during this time are identified by double asterisks.

The methods employed and the principles observed in the preparation of this supplement have been the same as for the original volume of the Repertoire. They are explained in the General Introduction to that volume. The Repertoire is an expository work, which presents the results of an empirical survey of the procedures of the Council in a way calculated to make reference easy, and constitutes essentially a guide to the proceedings of the Council.

As was observed in the original volume, the Repertoire is not intended as a substitute for the records of the Security 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 which have not been clearly or demonstrably established by the Council itself. The Security Council is at all times, within the framework of the Charter, "master of its own procedure". The object of the Repertoire will have been achieved if the reader, by using the descriptive titles of the headings under which the material is presented, is enabled to find relevant proceedings in order to draw conclusions for himself concerning the practice of the Council.

Details of the decisions of the Council have been included where appropriate in the accounts of its proceedings which make up this volume. The term "decision" has again been used to mean not only those "decisions" to which specific reference is made in the text of Articles of the Charter, but all significant steps decided upon by the Council, whether by vote or otherwise, in the course of consideration of a question.

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