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GENERAL INTRODUCTION

The present volume constitutes the seventh supplement to the *Repertoire of the Security Council, 1946-1951*, which was issued in 1954. It covers the proceedings of the Security Council from the 1624th meeting on 11 January 1972 to the 1812th meeting on 17 December 1974. 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 seven 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. 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.

The reader should refer for full explanations of the organization and presentation of material to the explanatory matter in the original volume. An effort has been made to avoid unnecessary repetition of such explanation in this Supplement.

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United Kingdom, fourth intervention, or
1614th meeting, following fourth intervention by the
United Kingdom.

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Example:

S/10299, *OR*, 26th yr., *Suppl. for July-Sept. 1971*, pp. 56-57.

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S/8603, 1428th meeting, para. 34

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GAOR, 24th sess., *plen. m.*, 1863rd meeting, para. 3;

GAOR, 26th sess., *Suppl. No. 6 (A/8006)*, p. 5.

For resolutions of the General Assembly:
Resolution 2520 (XXIV).

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7. The original volume of the *Repertoire* should be cited as *Repertoire of the Practice of the Security Council, 1946-1951*. The present volume should be cited as *Repertoire of the Practice of the Security Council, Supplement 1972-1974*.

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<i>Short title</i>	<i>Official title</i>
Request of the Organization of African Unity concerning the holding of meetings of the Council in an African capital	Request of the Organization of African Unity concerning the holding of meetings of the Council in an African capital (paragraph 2 of General Assembly resolution 2863 (XXVI))
Consideration of questions relating to Africa ¹	Letter dated 29 December 1971 from the Secretary-General to the President of the Security Council (S/10480) Report of the Security Council Committee on Council meetings away from Headquarters (S/10514) Consideration of questions relating to Africa with which the Security Council is currently seized and the implementation of the Council's relevant resolutions

¹ In connexion with this agenda item the Council adopted resolutions relating to the following questions: situation in Namibia; question of race conflict in South Africa; situation in Territories under Portuguese administration.

<i>Short title</i>	<i>Official title</i>
Situation in Southern Rhodesia	<p>Question concerning the situation in Southern Rhodesia:</p> <p>(a) Letter dated 15 February 1972 from the representatives of Guinea, Somalia, and the Sudan addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/10540)</p> <p>(b) Fourth report of the Committee established in pursuance of Security Council resolution 253 (1968) (S/10229 and Add.1 and 2)</p> <p>(c) Interim report of the Committee established in pursuance of Security Council resolution 253 (1968) (S/10408)</p> <p>Special report of the Committee established in pursuance of Security Council resolution 253 (1968) (S/10632)</p> <p>Letter dated 20 September 1972 from the Permanent Representatives of Guinea, Somalia and the Sudan addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/10798)</p> <p>(a) Letter dated 8 May 1973 from the representatives of Guinea and Kenya to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/10925)</p> <p>(b) Second special report of the Committee established in pursuance of Security Council resolution 253 (1968) concerning the question of Southern Rhodesia (S/10920)</p>
Situation in the Middle East	<p>The situation in the Middle East:</p> <p>(a) Letter dated 25 February 1972 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/10546)</p> <p>(b) Letter dated 25 February 1972 from the Acting Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/10550)</p> <p>(a) Letter dated 23 June 1972 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/10715)</p> <p>(b) Letter dated 23 June from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/10716)</p> <p>Letter dated 26 June 1972 from the Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/10720)</p> <p>(a) Letter dated 5 July 1972 from the Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/10730)</p> <p>(b) Letter dated 5 July 1972 from the Chargé d'affaires <i>ad interim</i> of the Permanent Mission of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/10731)</p> <p>(a) Letter dated 9 September 1972 from the Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/10782)</p> <p>(b) Letter dated 10 September 1972 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/10783)</p> <p>Letter dated 12 April 1973 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/10913)</p> <p>Examination of the situation in the Middle East:</p> <p>(a) Security Council resolution 331 (1973)</p> <p>(b) Report of the Secretary-General under Security Council resolution 331 (1973) of 20 April 1973 (S/10929)</p> <p>The situation in the Middle East: Letter dated 11 August 1973 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/10983)</p> <p>Letter dated 7 October 1973 from the Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/11010)</p> <p>Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Security Council resolution 340 (1973) (S/11052/Rev.1)</p> <p>Progress report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Emergency Force (S/11056/Add.1)</p> <p>Letter dated 8 November 1973 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/11103)</p> <p>Arrangements for the proposed Peace Conference on the Middle East</p> <p>The situation in the Middle East: Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Emergency Force (S/11248)</p>

Short title	Official title
	Letter dated 13 April 1974 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/11264)
	(a) Letter dated 30 May 1974 from the Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/11304)
	(b) Report of the Secretary-General (S/11302 and Add.1 and 2)
	Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Emergency Force (S/11536)
	Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (S/11563)
Situation in Cyprus (formerly Complaint by the Government of Cyprus)	Letter dated 26 December 1963 from the Permanent Representative of Cyprus addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/5488)
	Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations operation in Cyprus (S/10664 and Corr.1 and Add.1)
	Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations operation in Cyprus (S/10842)
	Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations operation in Cyprus (S/10940)
	Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations operation in Cyprus (S/11137)
	Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations operation in Cyprus (S/11294)
	The situation in Cyprus:
	(a) Letter dated 16 July 1974 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/11334)
	(b) Letter dated 16 July 1974 from the Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/11335)
	(c) Letter dated 20 July 1974 from the Permanent Representative of Greece to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/11348)
	(d) Letter dated 28 July 1974 from the Acting Permanent Representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/11389)
	Letter dated 30 July 1974 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/11398)
	(e) Letter dated 13 August 1974 from the Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/11444)
	(f) Letter dated 13 August 1974 from the Permanent Representative of Greece to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/11445)
	(g) Letter dated 27 August 1974 from the Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/11471)
	Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations operation in Cyprus (S/11568)
Situation in Namibia	The situation in Namibia:
	Report by the Secretary-General on the implementation of Security Council resolution 309 (1972) concerning the question of Namibia (S/10738)
	Report by the Secretary-General on the implementation of Security Council resolution 319 (1972) concerning the question of Namibia (S/10832)
	Implementation of paragraph 8 of Security Council resolution 323 (1972):
	(a) Letter dated 4 December 1973 from the Permanent Representatives of Guinea, Kenya and the Sudan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/11145)
	(b) Report by the Secretary-General on the implementation of Security Council resolution 323 (1972) concerning the question of Namibia (S/10921)
	Letter dated 13 December 1974 from the Permanent Representative of Upper Volta to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/11575)
Admission of new Members	Admission of new Members:
	Application of the People's Republic of Bangladesh for admission to membership in the United Nations – note by the Secretary-General (S/10759)
	Report of the Committee on the Admission of New Members concerning the application of the People's Republic of Bangladesh for membership in the United Nations (S/10773)
	(a) Application of the German Democratic Republic for admission to membership in the United Nations: Letter dated 12 June 1973 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the German Democratic Republic addressed to the Secretary-General (S/10945)

<i>Short title</i>	<i>Official title</i>
	(b) Application of the Federal Republic of Germany for admission to membership in the United Nations: Letter dated 13 June 1973 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Germany addressed to the Secretary-General (S/10949)
	(c) Report of the Committee on the Admission of New Members concerning the application of the German Democratic Republic and the application of the Federal Republic of Germany for admission to membership in the United Nations (S/10957)
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