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The present volume constitutes the tenth 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 2566th meeting on 29 January 1985 to the 2834th meeting, on 20 December 1988. Further supplements covering the proceedings of later meetings will be issued at suitable intervals.

In order to make it easier to trace the Council's practice in respect of any given topic over the entire period covered by the 11 volumes, the headings under which the practices and procedures of the Council were presented in the original volume have been generally maintained unchanged in this Supplement. Topics that the Council did not discuss anew during this time are identified by double asterisks (**).

The methods employed and the principles observed in the preparation of this Supplement are 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 Security 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 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, "master of its own procedure". The object of the Repertoire will have been achieved if readers, by using the descriptive titles of the headings under which the material is presented, are enabled to find relevant proceedings in order to draw conclusions for themselves concerning the practice of the Council.

Details of the decisions of the Council have been included where appropriate in the accounts of its proceedings that make up this volume. The term "decision" has again been used to mean not only those "decisions" to which specific reference was 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 preparation of material to the explanatory matter in the original volume. An effort has been made to avoid unnecessary repetition of such explanations in this Supplement.
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