

**31. Commemoration of the end of the
Second World War in Europe**

Initial proceedings

Decision of 9 May 1995 (3532nd meeting): statement by the President

At its 3532nd meeting, on 9 May 1995, the Security Council included the item entitled “Commemoration of the end of the Second World War in Europe” in its agenda. After the adoption of the agenda, the President (France) made the following statement on behalf of the members of the Council:¹

Fifty years ago, Europe saw the end of a war that afflicted the entire planet. It was primarily to preserve future generations from this scourge that the United Nations was created. The Security Council was given a special role in that effort, in that the Charter of the United Nations entrusts it with the principal responsibility for maintaining international peace and security.

For this reason, it seems appropriate for the Security Council to pay tribute on this anniversary to all the victims of the Second World War and to recall the Council’s firm desire to make every possible effort to help to mitigate the human suffering that results from war.

¹ See S/PV.3532.