

**Chapter VII**

**PRACTICES RELATIVE TO RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
REGARDING THE ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS**

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## INTRODUCTORY NOTE

The material covered in this chapter is dealt with on lines similar to those followed in the previous supplements to the *Repertoire*. Part I sets forth in tabular form the applications considered and the decisions taken by the Council during the period under review. The only case histories appearing in part V of this chapter concern procedures employed by the Council in the consideration of applications.

The proceedings of the Council in respect of admission of new Members during the period under review have not involved any constitutional or procedural questions. Consequently, no case histories have been entered under a number of headings in this chapter.

### Part I

#### TABLE OF APPLICATIONS, 1964-1965, AND OF ACTIONS TAKEN THEREON BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

##### NOTE

The following table is a continuation of the one in the previous volumes of the *Repertoire*, which should be consulted for an explanation of its organization. The modifications in the table introduced in the *Supplement 1959-1963*, have been maintained. The additional modification introduced in that volume relative to the material of part III, and designed to avoid duplication, has also been maintained. A slight modification has been introduced in part I, section G, of this supplement due to the fact that while no draft resolutions on admission of new Members were submitted at the nineteenth session of the General Assembly, three new Members (Malawi, Malta and Zambia) were admitted by decisions adopted without objection.<sup>1</sup>

##### A. APPLICATIONS RECOMMENDED BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL

In the period 1 January 1964 - 31 December 1965, the Security Council recommended the following States for admission to membership in the United Nations:

- (i) At the 1160th meeting on 9 October 1964, Malawi was unanimously recommended.
- (ii) At the 1161st meeting on 30 October 1964, Malta and Zambia were unanimously recommended.

<sup>1</sup> GAOR, *Nineteenth Session*, 1268th meeting (PV): paras. 39-45; and GAOR, *Suppl. No. 15* (S/5815), p. 9.

(iii) At the 1190th meeting on 15 March 1965, the Gambia was unanimously recommended.

(iv) At the 1243rd meeting on 20 September 1965, the Maldives Islands and Singapore were unanimously recommended.

##### B. APPLICATIONS WHICH FAILED TO OBTAIN A RECOMMENDATION

During the period under review no application for membership in the United Nations considered by the Council failed to obtain its recommendation.

##### C. DISCUSSION OF THE QUESTION IN THE COUNCIL FROM 1964-1965

[As in the *Supplement 1956-1958*, and in the *Supplement 1959-1963*, the system of grouping the discussion under "debates", used for the sake of convenience in the earlier volumes, is not followed in the present chapter as it is unsuited to the nature of the proceedings of the Council during the period under review.]

The Council has held a total of four meetings<sup>2</sup> on questions of admission during this period of two years. In all cases, the discussion involved applications of newly independent States.

<sup>2</sup> 1160th (9 October 1964), 1161st (30 October 1964), 1190th (15 March 1965) and 1243rd (20 September 1965).

##### D. APPLICATIONS PENDING ON 1 JANUARY 1964

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Date of Application</i>	<i>Document</i>
Republic of Korea	19 January 1949	<i>O.R.</i> , <i>Suppl. Feb. 1949, 4th yr.</i> , p. 5 (S/1238)
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	9 February 1949	<i>O.R.</i> , 12, <i>4th yr.</i> , p. 18 (S/1247)
Viet-Nam	17 December 1951	<i>O.R.</i> , <i>7th yr.</i> , <i>Suppl. for Jan.-Mar. 1952</i> , p. 1 (S/2446)
Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam	(i) 22 November 1948*	<i>O.R.</i> , <i>7th yr.</i> , <i>Suppl. for July-Sept. 1952</i> , pp. 57-58 (S/2780)
	(ii) 29 December 1951	<i>O.R.</i> , <i>7th yr.</i> , <i>Suppl. for Jan.-Mar. 1952</i> , pp. 3-4 (S/2466)

\* Circulated on 17 September 1952 as S/2780. (See *Repertoire, Suppl. 1952-1955*, p. 91, Case 1.)

**E. APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED BETWEEN 1 JANUARY 1964  
AND 31 DECEMBER 1965 <sup>a</sup>**

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Date of application</i>	<i>Document <sup>b</sup></i>
<b>(XVII) in 1964</b>		
Malawi .....	6 August 1964	<i>O.R., 19th yr., Suppl. for July-Sept. 1964,</i> p. 203 (S/5908)
Malta .....	29 September 1964	<i>O.R., 19th yr., Suppl. for Oct.-Dec. 1964,</i> p. 18 (S/6004)
Zambia .....	26 October 1964	<i>Ibid., p. 38 (S/6025)</i>
<b>(XVIII) in 1965</b>		
The Gambia .....	18 February 1965	<i>O.R., 20th yr., Suppl. for Jan.-Mar. 1965,</i> p. 69 (S/6197)
Maldiv Islands .....	26 August 1965	<i>O.R., 20th yr., Suppl. for July-Sept. 1965,</i> pp. 227-228 (S/6645)
Singapore .....	2 September 1965	<i>Ibid., pp. 234-235 (S/6648)</i>

<sup>a</sup> The material set forth in this table is a continuation, for the period covered by this *Supplement*, of the historical data included in part III of earlier volumes concerning presentation of applications.

<sup>b</sup> Includes the formal declaration in each case.

**F. VOTES IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL (1964-1965) ON DRAFT RESOLUTIONS AND AMENDMENTS CONCERNING APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSION TO MEMBERSHIP IN THE UNITED NATIONS**

<i>Draft resolution</i>	<i>Subject of vote</i>	<i>Vote</i>	<i>Meeting and date</i>	<i>Result of vote <sup>a</sup></i>
<i>Malawi, Ivory Coast-Morocco-United Kingdom d.r. (S/6001)</i> .....	Same	Unanimous	1160th, 9.10.64	Adopted
<i>Malta, Morocco-Norway-United Kingdom d.r. (S/6028)</i> .....	Same	Unanimous	1161st, 30.10.64	Adopted
<i>Zambia, Ivory Coast-Morocco-United Kingdom d.r. (S/6029)</i> .....	Same	Unanimous	1161st, 30.10.64	Adopted
<i>The Gambia, Ivory Coast-Jordan-Malaysia-United Kingdom d.r. (S/6226)</i> .....	Same	Unanimous	1190th, 15.3.65	Adopted
<i>Maldiv Islands, Jordan-Malaysia-United Kingdom d.r. (S/6695)</i> .....	Same	Unanimous	1243rd, 20.9.65	Adopted
<i>Singapore, Ivory Coast-Jordan-Malaysia-United Kingdom d.r. (S/6696)</i> .....	Same	Unanimous	1243rd, 20.9.65	Adopted

<sup>a</sup> Both the subject and the result of the vote are usually given in the form announced by the President.

**G. VOTES IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY (1964-1965) ON DRAFT RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING SECURITY COUNCIL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ADMISSION TO MEMBERSHIP IN THE UNITED NATIONS**

<i>Applications and G.A. resolutions</i>	<i>Plenary meeting and date</i>	<i>Vote</i>	<i>Result of proceedings</i>
<b>1964</b>			
Malawi <sup>a</sup> .....	1286th plen. mtg., 1.12	Decision without objection	Admitted
Malta <sup>b</sup> .....	1286th plen. mtg., 1.12	Decision without objection	Admitted
Zambia <sup>c</sup> .....	1286th plen. mtg., 1.12	Decision without objection	Admitted
<b>1965</b>			
The Gambia <sup>d</sup> .....	1332nd plen. mtg., 21.9	Acclamation	Admitted
Maldiv Islands <sup>e</sup> .....	1332nd plen. mtg., 21.9	Acclamation	Admitted
Singapore <sup>f</sup> .....	1332nd plen. mtg., 21.9	Acclamation	Admitted

<sup>a</sup> G.A. decision of 1 December 1964 (no draft resolution was submitted).

<sup>b</sup> G.A. decision of 1 December 1964 (no draft resolution was submitted).

<sup>c</sup> G.A. decision of 1 December 1964 (no draft resolution was submitted).

<sup>d</sup> G.A. res. 2008 (XX).

<sup>e</sup> G.A. res. 2009 (XX).

<sup>f</sup> G.A. res. 2010 (XX).

## Part II

**\*\* CONSIDERATION OF THE ADOPTION OR AMENDMENT OF RULES 58, 59 AND 60 OF THE PROVISIONAL RULES OF PROCEDURE**

## Part III

**PRESENTATION OF APPLICATIONS**

## NOTE

The material concerning the presentation of applications is substantially the same, for the period under review, as the list of applications submitted between 1 January 1964 and 31 December 1965 which appears in part I, section E of the Table of Applications. Therefore, to avoid duplication, the historical data relating to the presentation of applications which appeared in part III of the original volume and the first two supplements of the *Repertoire* may be found here in section E of the above Table.

## Part IV

**REFERENCE OF APPLICATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE ON THE ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS**

## NOTE

During the period covered by this volume, the Security Council did not refer any application to its Committee on the Admission of New Members; nor was any proposal to refer applications to the Committee made during this period. However, on one occasion<sup>3</sup> references were made to rule 59 of the provisional rules of procedure, and the suggestion was made that in examining certain membership applications the Council may in the future avail itself of the procedure provided in that rule.

**A. BEFORE A RECOMMENDATION HAS BEEN FORWARDED OR A REPORT SUBMITTED TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

- \*\* 1. Applications referred to the Committee by the President**
- \*\* 2. Applications referred to the Committee by decisions of the Security Council**
- 3. Applications considered by the Security Council without reference to the Committee**

## CASE 1

At the 1243rd meeting on 20 September 1965, in connexion with the application of the Maldives Islands, the representative of France after expressing the favourable attitude of his delegation toward the request for admission, stated:

"However... the French delegation wishes to point out that in view of the responsibilities that are incumbent upon us under rule 60 of the provisional rules of procedure, the Security Council should not lose sight of the provisions of rule 59. That rule lays down an examination procedure offering further opportunities for reflection and judgement, which, it would seem, must be put to good use henceforth if we do not wish to risk seeing the effectiveness of the organization diminished in the future."

<sup>3</sup> Case 1.

At the same meeting, the President speaking in his capacity as representative of the United States stated:

"... while supporting the admission of the Maldives Islands to the United Nations, we cannot help but note in this connexion a basic problem which will confront the United Nations in the future. There are many small entities in the world today moving steadily towards some form of independence. We are in sympathy with their aspirations and applaud this development. However, the Charter provides that applicants for United Nations membership must be not only willing but also 'able' to carry out their Charter obligations. The drafters of the Charter were not unmindful of the existence then of some very small States whose resources would simply not permit them to contribute to the work of the Organization, however much they might wish to do so. Today, many of the small emerging entities, however willing, probably do not have the human or economic resources at this stage to meet the second criterion. We would therefore urge that Council members and other United Nations Members give early and careful consideration to this problem in an effort to arrive at some agreed standards, some lower limits, to be applied in the case of future applicants for United Nations membership. The original members of the Security Council evidently had this complex of problems in mind when they provided, in rule 59 of the provisional rules of procedure, for a Special Committee of the Council to examine membership applications and to report its conclusions to the Council. The Council may wish, as the representative of France has suggested, to avail itself of this procedure both in reviewing general problems and in examining future applications for membership concerning which some of these considerations might arise. We do not for a moment suggest the exclusion of small new States from the family of nations. On the contrary, we believe we must develop for them some accommodation that will permit their close association

with the United Nations and its broad range of activities. This is another facet of the problem that we think demands early and careful consideration.”<sup>4</sup>

<sup>4</sup> 1243rd meeting: France, para. 76; President (United States), paras. 89-91.

**\*\* 4. Applications reconsidered by the Security Council after reference to the Committee**

**\*\* B. AFTER AN APPLICATION HAS BEEN SENT BACK BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL FOR RECONSIDERATION**

**Part V**

**PROCEDURES IN THE CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS WITHIN THE SECURITY COUNCIL**

**NOTE**

During the period under review, the Council voted upon applications in the chronological order of their submission. Votes on applications were taken separately in the order in which the applications appeared on the agenda. In two instances<sup>5</sup> applications were discussed simultaneously. In all cases submission of a draft resolution preceded the vote on the pending application.

There was no procedural discussion in connexion with the Council's consideration of draft resolutions concerning applications for membership in the United Nations during the period covered by this *Supplement*.

**A. DISCUSSION OF APPLICATIONS**

**1. Order of the discussion of applications**

**CASE 2**

At the 1161st meeting on 30 October 1964, the Council adopted the following agenda:

*“Admission of new Members to the United Nations*

*“(a) Letter dated 29 September 1964 from the Prime Minister of Malta addressed to the Secretary-General (S/6004);*

*“(b) Telegram dated 26 October 1964 from the President of the Republic of Zambia addressed to the Secretary-General (S/6025).”*

The President (United Kingdom) noted that in connexion with the application for membership submitted by Malta, the Council had before it a draft resolution (S/6028) jointly sponsored by Morocco, Norway and the United Kingdom; and in connexion with the application for membership submitted by Zambia, a draft resolution (S/6029) jointly sponsored by the Ivory Coast, Morocco and the United Kingdom.

The President further noted that in his statement opening the debate he would refer to both applications pending before the Council on the understanding that the two draft resolutions would be put to the

vote separately. He added that it was open to any member of the Council to treat the two applications separately, if so desired.

No objection to this procedure having been expressed, the Council proceeded accordingly to consider the two applications and to vote on them separately in the order in which they appeared on the agenda.<sup>6</sup>

**CASE 3**

At the 1243rd meeting on 20 September 1965, the Council adopted the following agenda:

*“Admission of new Members to the United Nations*

*“(a) Letter dated 26 August 1965 from the Prime Minister of the Government of the Maldives Islands addressed to the Secretary-General (S/6645);*

*“(b) Cable dated 2 September 1965 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Singapore addressed to the Secretary-General (S/6648).”*

The President (United States) noted that two draft resolutions had been submitted jointly by Jordan, Malaysia and the United Kingdom (S/6695) and by the Ivory Coast, Jordan, Malaysia and the United Kingdom (S/6696) recommending the admission of two applicants, the Maldives Islands and Singapore, respectively, to membership in the United Nations, and suggested that, if so desired, both the pending applications be considered simultaneously but that the two draft resolutions be put to the vote separately. Having adopted this procedure, the Council concluded at the same meeting its consideration of both applications and voted on them separately in the order in which they appeared on the agenda.<sup>7</sup>

**\*\* 2. Documentation submitted to the Security Council**

**\*\* B. VOTING ON APPLICATIONS**

<sup>6</sup> 1161st meeting: President (United Kingdom), paras. 1-5, 132-133.

<sup>7</sup> 1243rd meeting: President (United States), paras. 2-3, 93-94.

<sup>5</sup> Cases 2 and 3.

**Part VI**

**\*\* THE ROLE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE SECURITY COUNCIL**