

Chapter VII

**PRACTICE RELATIVE TO RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGARDING MEMBERSHIP IN THE UNITED NATIONS**

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INTRODUCTORY NOTE

The present *Supplement of the Repertoire* follows the format adopted for the previous supplements. Part I sets forth in tabular form the applications for admission considered and the decisions taken by the Security Council during the period under review. Parts II-VI concern the procedures employed by the Council in the consideration of the applications. Part VII deals with practices relating to the applicability of Articles 5 and 6 of the Charter.

The Council did not adopt new rules of procedures or amend the existing rules relating to the admission of new members.

Part I

TABLE OF APPLICATIONS AND OF ACTIONS TAKEN THEREON BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, 1975-1980

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 earlier supplements have been maintained.

A. APPLICATIONS RECOMMENDED BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL

In the period 1 January 1975-31 December 1980, the Council recommended the following States for admission to membership in the United Nations:

- (a) At the 1838th meeting, on 18 August 1975, Cape Verde was recommended unanimously;
- (b) At the 1838th meeting, on 18 August 1975, Sao Tome and Principe was recommended unanimously;
- (c) At the 1838th meeting, on 18 August 1975, Mozambique was recommended unanimously;
- (d) At the 1841st meeting, on 22 September 1975, Papua New Guinea was recommended unanimously;
- (e) At the 1848th meeting, on 17 October 1975, the Comoros was recommended by 14 votes to none with one member not participating in the voting;
- (f) At the 1858th meeting, on 1 December 1975, Suriname was recommended unanimously;
- (g) At the 1974th meeting, on 22 November 1976, Angola was recommended by 13 votes to none, with 1 abstention, and with 1 member not participating in the voting;
- (h) At the 1952nd meeting, on 16 August 1976, the Seychelles was recommended unanimously;
- (i) At the 1977th meeting, on 1 December 1976, Western Samoa was recommended unanimously;
- (j) At the 2021st meeting, on 7 July 1977, Djibouti was recommended unanimously;
- (k) At the 2025th meeting, on 20 July 1977, Viet Nam was recommended by consensus;
- (l) At the 2084th meeting, on 17 August 1978, Solomon Islands was recommended unanimously;
- (m) At the 2105th meeting, on 6 December 1978, Dominica was recommended unanimously;
- (n) At the 2167th meeting, on 12 September 1979, Saint Lucia was recommended unanimously;

(o) At the 2198th meeting, on 19 February 1980, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines was recommended unanimously;

(p) At the 2244th meeting, on 30 July 1980, Zimbabwe was recommended unanimously.

B. APPLICATIONS THAT FAILED TO OBTAIN A RECOMMENDATION

During the period under review, the applications of the Republic of South Viet-Nam and the Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam failed to obtain the Council's recommendation.¹ The applications of Angola² and the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam³ failed to obtain a recommendation upon their initial consideration but were recommended upon reconsideration.

C. DISCUSSION OF THE QUESTION IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL, 1975-1980

The Council held a total of 44 meetings⁴ to consider applications for admission during this period of six years. With the exception of the Vietnamese application, the discussions involved applications of newly independent States.

¹At the 1836th and 1846th meetings, on 11 August and 30 September 1975, both applications failed to obtain a recommendation for admission owing to the negative vote of a permanent member. In 1977, the two applications lapsed as a result of the admission of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam.

²At the 1932nd meeting, on 23 June 1976, Angola failed to obtain a recommendation for admission owing to the negative vote of a permanent member. The application was reconsidered and a recommendation was adopted at the 1974th meeting.

³At the 1972nd meeting, on 15 November 1976, the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam failed to obtain a recommendation for admission owing to the negative vote of a permanent member. The application was reconsidered and a recommendation was adopted at the 2025th meeting.

⁴1834th (6 August 1975), 1835th and 1836th (11 August 1975), 1837th and 1838th (18 August 1975), 1839th and 1841st (22 September 1975), 1842nd (26 September 1975), 1843rd and 1844th (29 September 1975), 1845th and 1846th (30 September 1975), 1847th and 1848th (17 October 1975), 1857th and 1858th (1 December 1975), 1931st (22 June 1976), 1932nd (23 June 1976), 1951st and 1952nd (16 August 1976), 1953th (10 September 1976), 1970th (12 November 1976), 1971st and 1972nd (15 November 1976), 1973rd (19 November 1976), 1974th (22 November 1976), 1976th and 1977th (1 December 1976), 2020th and 2021st (7 July 1977), 2022nd (18 July 1977), 2023rd and 2024th (19 July 1977), 2025th (20 July 1977), 2083rd (16 August 1978), 2084th (17 August 1978), 2104th (5 December 1978), 2105th (6 December 1978), 2166th and 2167th (12 September 1979), 2197th and 2198th (19 February 1980), 2243rd (29 July 1980) and 2244th meetings (30 July 1980).

D. APPLICATIONS PENDING ON 1 JANUARY 1975

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Date of application</i>	<i>Document</i>
Republic of Korea	19 January 1949	OR, 4th yr., Suppl. for Feb. 1949
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	9 February 1949	S/1247, <i>ibid.</i> , 4th yr., 12.
Viet-Nam	17 December 1951 ^a	S/2446, <i>ibid.</i> , 7th yr., Suppl. for Jan.-March 1952
Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam	(i) 22 November 1948 ^b	S/2780, <i>ibid.</i> , Suppl. for July-Sept. 1952
	(ii) 29 December 1951 ^a	S/2466, <i>ibid.</i> , Suppl. for Jan.-March 1952

^a The application lapsed in 1977 with the admission of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam.

^b Circulated on 17 September 1952 as S/2780 (see *Repertoire of the Practice of the Security Council, Supplement 1952-1955*, p. 91, case 1).

E. APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED BETWEEN 1 JANUARY 1975 AND 31 DECEMBER 1980^a

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Date of application</i>	<i>Document^b</i>
Republic of South Viet-Nam	15 July 1975	S/11756, OR, 30th yr., Suppl. for July-Sept. 1975
Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam	16 July 1975	S/11761, <i>ibid.</i>
Cape Verde	21 July 1975	S/11800, <i>ibid.</i>
Republic of Korea	30 July 1975	S/11783, <i>ibid.</i>
Mozambique	31 July 1975	S/11805, <i>ibid.</i>
Sao Tome and Principe	13 August 1975	S/11804, <i>ibid.</i>
Papua New Guinea	16 September 1975	S/11823, <i>ibid.</i>
Comoros	29 September 1975	S/11848, <i>ibid.</i> , Suppl. for Oct.-Dec. 1975
Suriname	25 November 1975	S/11884, <i>ibid.</i>
Angola	22 April 1976	S/12064, <i>ibid.</i> , 31st yr., Suppl. for April-June 1976
Seychelles	23 July 1976	S/12164, <i>ibid.</i>
Viet Nam	10 August 1976	S/12183, <i>ibid.</i>
Western Samoa	29 November 1976	S/12245, <i>ibid.</i> , Suppl. for Oct.-Dec. 1976
Djibouti	30 June 1977	S/12357, <i>ibid.</i> , 32nd yr., Suppl. for July-Sept. 1977
Solomon Islands	24 July 1978	S/12801, <i>ibid.</i> , 33rd yr., Suppl. for July-Sept. 1978
Dominica	21 November 1978	S/12942, <i>ibid.</i> , Suppl. for Oct.-Dec. 1978
Saint Lucia	28 August 1979	S/13530, <i>ibid.</i> , 34th yr., Suppl. for July-Sept. 1979
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	8 January 1980	S/13784, <i>ibid.</i> , 35th yr., Suppl. for Jan.-March 1980
Zimbabwe	17 July 1980	S/14064, <i>ibid.</i> , Suppl. for July-Sept. 1980

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

^b Includes the formal declaration in each case.

F. VOTES IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL ON DRAFT RESOLUTIONS AND AMENDMENTS CONCERNING APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSION TO MEMBERSHIP IN THE UNITED NATIONS, 1975-1980^a

<i>Draft resolution</i>	<i>Meeting and date</i>	<i>Result of vote</i>
<i>Republic of South Viet-Nam</i> , Byelorussian SSR, China, Guyana, Iraq, Mauritania, Sweden, USSR, United Republic of Cameroon, United Republic of Tanzania, d.r. (S/11795) ^b recommending admission	1836th 11.8.75	13-1-1 not adopted
<i>Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam</i> , Byelorussian SSR, China, Guyana, Iraq, Mauritania, Sweden, USSR, United Republic of Cameroon, United Republic of Tanzania, d.r. (S/11796) ^b recommending admission	1836th 11.8.75	13-1-1 not adopted
<i>Cape Verde</i> , Committee on the Admission of New Members, d.r. (S/11806) recommending admission	1838th 18.8.75	Unanimously adopted
<i>Sao Tome and Principe</i> , Committee on the Admission of New Members, d.r. (S/11806) recommending admission	1838th 18.8.75	Unanimously adopted
<i>Mozambique</i> , Committee on the Admission of New Members, d.r. (S/11806) recommending admission	1838th 18.8.75	Unanimously adopted
<i>Papua New Guinea</i> , Committee on the Admission of New Members, d.r. (S/11829) recommending admission	1841st 22.9.75	Unanimously adopted

<i>Draft resolution</i>	<i>Meeting and date</i>	<i>Result of vote</i>
<i>Republic of South Viet-Nam, Byelorussian SSR, China, Guyana, Iraq, Mauritania, Sweden, USSR, United Republic of Cameroon, United Republic of Tanzania, d.r. (S/11832) recommending admission</i>	1846th 30.9.75	14-1 ^c -0 not adopted
<i>Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam, Byelorussian SSR, China, Guyana, Iraq, Mauritania, Sweden, USSR, United Republic of Cameroon, United Republic of Tanzania, d.r. (S/11833) recommending admission</i>	1846th 30.9.75	14-1 ^c -0 not adopted
<i>Comoros, Committee on the Admission of New Members, d.r. (S/11850) recommending admission</i>	1848th 17.10.75	14-0-0 ^d adopted
<i>Suriname, Committee on the Admission of New Members, d.r. (S/11891) recommending admission</i>	1858th 1.12.75	Unanimously adopted
<i>Angola, Benin, Guyana, Libyan Arab Republic, Romania, USSR, United Republic of Tanzania, d.r. (S/12110)^b recommending admission</i>	1932nd 23.6.76	13-1 ^c -0 not adopted
<i>Seychelles, Committee on the Admission of New Members, d.r. (S/12177) recommending admission</i>	1952nd 16.8.76	Unanimously adopted
<i>Viet Nam, Benin, China, France, Guyana, Libyan Arab Republic, Pakistan, Panama, Romania, Sweden, USSR, United Republic of Tanzania, d.r. (S/12226)^b recommending admission</i>	1972nd 15.11.76	14-1 ^c -0 not adopted
<i>Angola, Committee on the Admission of New Members, d.r. (S/12234) recommending admission</i>	1974th 22.11.76	13-0-1 ^d adopted
<i>Western Samoa, Committee on the Admission of New Members, d.r. (S/12249) recommending admission</i>	1977th 1.12.76	Unanimously adopted
<i>Djibouti, Benin, Canada, China, France, Germany, Federal Republic of, India, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Mauritius, Pakistan, Panama, Romania, USSR, United Kingdom, United States, Venezuela, d.r. (S/12358) recommending admission</i>	2021st 7.7.77	Unanimously adopted
<i>Viet Nam, Benin, China, France, India, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Mauritius, Pakistan, Panama, Romania, USSR, Venezuela, d.r. (S/12366) recommending admission</i>	2025th 20.7.77	Adopted by consensus
<i>Solomon Islands, Committee on the Admission of New Members, d.r. (S/12814) recommending admission</i>	2084th 17.8.78	Unanimously adopted
<i>Dominica, Committee on the Admission of New Members, d.r. (S/12956) recommending admission</i>	2105th 6.12.78	Unanimously adopted
<i>Saint Lucia, Committee on the Admission of New Members, d.r. (S/13535) recommending admission</i>	2167th 12.9.79	Unanimously adopted
<i>Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Committee on the Admission of New Members, d.r. (S/13805) recommending admission</i>	2198th 19.2.80	Unanimously adopted
<i>Zimbabwe, Committee on the Admission of New Members, d.r. (S/14076) recommending admission</i>	2244th 30.7.80	Unanimously adopted

^aFor the participation of the non-members in the proceedings concerning the applications for admission, see chapter III of the present *Supplement*.

^bProposed at the Committee on the Admission of New Members.

^cNegative vote cast by a permanent member.

^dOne permanent member did not participate in the voting.

G. VOTES IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON DRAFT RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING SECURITY COUNCIL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ADMISSION TO MEMBERSHIP IN THE UNITED NATIONS, 1975-1980

<i>Application</i>	<i>Plenary meeting and date</i>	<i>Vote</i>	<i>G A resolution</i>	<i>Result of proceedings</i>
1975				
Cape Verde	2351st mtg., 16.9	Unanimous	3363 (XXX)	Admitted
Sao Tome and Principe	2351st mtg., 16.9	Unanimous	3364 (XXX)	Admitted
Mozambique	2351st mtg., 16.9	Unanimous	3365 (XXX)	Admitted
Papua New Guinea	2383rd mtg., 10.10	Unanimous	3368 (XXX)	Admitted
Comoros	2402nd mtg., 12.11	Without vote	3385 (XXX)	Admitted
Suriname	2428th mtg., 4.12	Without vote	3413 (XXX)	Admitted
1976				
Seychelles	A/31/1st mtg., 21.9	By acclamation	31/1	Admitted
Angola	A/31/84th mtg., 1.12	116-0-1	31/44	Admitted
Western Samoa	A/31/100th mtg., 15.12	Unanimous	31/104	Admitted
1977				
Djibouti	A/32/1st mtg., 20.9	By acclamation	32/1	Admitted
Viet Nam	A/32/1st mtg., 20.9	By acclamation	32/2	Admitted
1978				
Solomon Islands	A/33/1st mtg., 19.9	Unanimously adopted	33/1	Admitted
Dominica	A/33/87th mtg., 18.12	By acclamation	33/107	Admitted

<i>Application</i>	<i>Plenary meeting and date</i>	<i>Vote</i>	<i>G A resolution</i>	<i>Result of proceedings</i>
1979 Saint Lucia	A/34/1st mtg., 18.9	By acclamation	34/1	Admitted
1980 Zimbabwe	A/S-11/1st mtg., 25.8	By acclamation	S-11/1	Admitted
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	A/35/1st mtg., 16.9	By acclamation	35/1	Admitted

Part II

CONSIDERATION OF THE ADOPTION OR AMENDMENT OF RULES 58-60 OF THE PROVISIONAL RULES OF PROCEDURE

NOTE

During the period under review the Council frequently waived the application of rule 60 in preparing recommendations to the General Assembly concerning applications for membership.

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 1975 and 31 December 1980, which appears in part I, section E, of the table of applications. Therefore, to avoid duplication, the data relating to the presentation of applications, which appeared in chapter VII, 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 under review, rule 59 was waived on one occasion, when an application was reconsidered by the Security Council (case 1). All other applications were referred to the Committee, in accordance with rule 59.

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 decision of the Security Council
- 3. Applications considered by the Security Council without reference to the Committee

CASE 1

At the 1842nd meeting, on 26 September 1975, in connection with the reconsideration of the applications of the Republic of South Viet-Nam and the Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam, the Council agreed not to refer these applications once again to the Committee on the Admission of New Members.⁵

**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

⁵1842nd mtg., para. 11.

****Part V******PROCEDURES IN THE CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS WITHIN THE SECURITY COUNCIL******A. DISCUSSION OF APPLICATIONS******1. Order of the discussion of applications******2. Documentation submitted in the Security Council******B. VOTING ON APPLICATIONS****Part VI****THE ROLE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE SECURITY COUNCIL****CASE 2**

At the 1971st meeting, on 15 November 1976, in connection with the application of the Socialist Republic of Viet-Nam, the representative of the Syrian Arab Republic stated that, in the spirit of the Charter, the right of veto enjoyed by the permanent members of the Council could not be legitimately used in order to block the admission of a new member so long as that new member was a peace-loving country and accepted the obligations contained in the Charter. The power to deny admission was rather given, in paragraph 1 of Article 4, to the Organization as a whole, and not to the Council. That understanding was confirmed in paragraph 2 of the same article. The action to be taken by the Council was described in that Article as a recommendation, while the action to be taken by the General Assembly was referred to as a decision. No country, not even a permanent

member of the Council, could impose conditions additional to those contained in Article 4. To invoke any other, irrelevant, considerations was not only unjustified and unacceptable but also a violation of the United Nations Charter and its provisions.

The representative of Madagascar said that with regard to the procedures for admission, the Council was only competent to make recommendations. The question, therefore, was what was the legal value of a veto cast in the exercise of that power that had been differentiated from the power of decision. It was also not true that the special responsibility of the Council for the maintenance of international peace and security, which also justified the existence of the right of veto, was limited to Chapters VI, VII, VIII and XII, and excluded Chapter II, which covered the procedure for the admission of new members.

Part VII**PRACTICES RELATIVE TO THE APPLICABILITY OF ARTICLES 5 AND 6 OF THE CHARTER****NOTE**

During the period under review, the Security Council did not take or consider any measures involving articles 5 or 6 of the Charter.

However, by letter dated 28 September 1975 addressed to the Secretary-General,⁶ the representative of Mexico transmitted a letter from the President of Mexico in which an extraordinary meeting of the Council had been requested so that in accordance with Articles 5 and 6 of the Charter of the United Nations it might recommend to the General Assembly that Spain be suspended from membership in the United Nations due to violations of human rights by the Spanish dictatorial régime.

No action was taken on the part of the Council concerning this request.

⁶S/11831, OR, 30th yr., Suppl. for July-Sept. 1975.