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SUMMARY STATEMENT BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF MATTERS OF  
WHICH THE SECURITY COUNCIL IS SEIZED AND OF THE STAGE  
REACHED IN THEIR CONSIDERATION

Pursuant to Rule 11 of the Provisional Rules of Procedure of the Security Council, I submit the following Summary Statement of matters of which the Security Council is seized and of the stage reached in their consideration on 29 November 1946.

1. The Iranian Question

The Iranian application, dated 19 January 1946 (page 13, Security Council Journal No. 2), was considered at the third and fifth meetings of the Council in London. At the fifth meeting, a resolution was unanimously adopted requesting the parties to inform the Council of any results achieved in negotiations between them. The Council in the meanwhile retained the right at any time to request information on the progress of the negotiations.

By letter dated 18 March 1946 addressed to the President of the Council (S/15), the Iranian Ambassador made further application to the Council. The Iranian question was further considered at the twenty-fifth, twenty-sixth, twenty-seventh, twenty-eighth, twenty-ninth and thirtieth meetings, and after various procedural decisions, it was resolved by nine votes (the Representative of the U.S.S.R. being absent and the Representative of Australia abstaining) that:

"The Council defer further proceedings on the Iranian application until 6 May, at which time the Soviet Government and the Iranian Government are requested to report to the Council whether the withdrawal of all Soviet troops from the whole of Iran has been completed and at which time the Council shall consider what, if any, further proceedings on the Iranian appeal are required;

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"provided, however, that if in the meantime either the Soviet Government or the Iranian Government or any member of the Security Council reports to the Secretary-General any developments which may retard or threaten to retard the prompt withdrawal of Soviet troops from Iran, in accordance with the assurances of the Soviet Union to the Council, the Secretary-General shall immediately call to the attention of the Council such reports which shall be considered as the first item on the agenda. (Pages 458-459, Security Council Journal No. 24).

By letter dated 6 April 1946 addressed to the President of the Council (S/30), the Representative of the U.S.S.R. proposed that the Iranian question be removed from the agenda of the Council.

By letter dated 9 April 1946 addressed to the Secretary-General (S/33), the Iranian Ambassador opposed this proposal.

By letter dated 15 April 1946 addressed to the President of the Council (S/37), the Iranian Ambassador communicated the text of a telegram from his Government stating that it withdrew its complaint from the Council.

At the thirty-third meeting, the Secretary-General submitted a memorandum to the President of the Council (S/39) concerning the legal effect of the ab letters from the Representative of the U.S.S.R. and the Iranian Ambassador. The Council referred this memorandum to the Committee of Experts. The Representative of France submitted a draft resolution providing:

"that the Security Council request the Secretary-General to collect the necessary information in order to complete the Security Council's report to the Assembly, in accordance with Article 24 of the Charter, in the manner in which it dealt with the case placed on its agenda on 26 March last at the request, now withdrawn, the Government of Iran." (Page 522, Security Council Journal No. 27).

After discussion, it was agreed that no further action on the Iranian question could be taken until the report from the Committee of Experts was received.

At the thirty-sixth meeting, the Council considered the Report of the

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Chairman of the Committee of Experts (S/42). The Council continued its discussion of the issues raised in the above letters from the Representative of the U.S.S.R. and the Iranian Ambassador. The Representative of the U.S.S.R. associated himself with the above Resolution proposed by the Representative of France. This Resolution received three votes (France, Poland and the U.S.S.R.) and was declared lost.

The Representative of the U.S.S.R. said that the decision of the Council to retain the Iranian question on its agenda was contrary to the Charter. Accordingly, the Soviet delegation did not consider it possible to take any further part in the discussion of the Iranian question in the Council.

By letter dated 6 May 1946 addressed to the President of the Council (S/53), the Iranian Ambassador, pursuant to the Council's Resolution of 4 April, reported on the withdrawal of Soviet troops.

At the fortieth meeting the Council adopted by ten votes (the Representative of the U.S.S.R. being absent) the following Resolution proposed by the Representative of the United States:

"RESOLVED: That in view of the statement made by the Iranian Government in its preliminary report of 6 May, submitted in compliance with the resolution of 4 April 1946, that it was not able as of 6 May to state whether the withdrawal of all Soviet troops from the whole of Iran had been completed, the Council defer further proceedings of the Iranian matter in order that the Government of Iran may have time in which to ascertain through its official representatives whether all Soviet troops have been withdrawn from the whole of Iran; that the Iranian Government be requested to submit a complete report on the subject to the Security Council immediately upon the receipts of the information which will enable it to do so; and that in case it is unable to obtain such information by 20 May, it report on that date such information as is available to it at that time; and that immediately following the receipt from the Iranian Government of the Report requested, the Council shall consider whether any further proceedings are required." (Page 635, Security Council Journal No. 33).

By letters dated 20 May and 21 May 1946, addressed to the President of the Council (S/66 and S/68), the Iranian Ambassador, in compliance with the Council's Resolutions of 4 April and 8 May 1946, submitted reports of additional information with respect to the matters brought to the Council's attention by the Iranian Government.

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At the forty-third meeting the Council adopted the following Resolution submitted by the Representatives of the Netherlands:

"The discussion of the Iranian consideration is adjourned until a date in the near future, the Council to be called together at the request of any of its members." (Page 711, Security Council Journal No. 36)

2. Special Agreements Under Article 43 of the Charter

At its second meeting the Council adopted the provisional agenda for its first meetings recommended by the Preparatory Commission. It deferred consideration of Item 10 of the Provisional agenda:

"Discussion of the best means of arriving at the conclusion of the Special agreements referred to in Article 43 of the Charter."

3. Rules of Procedure of the Security Council

As instructed by the Council at its first, sixth and twenty-third meetings, the Committee of Experts drafted provisional rules of procedure and recommendations concerning communications from private individuals and non-governmental bodies.

After minor amendments the Council adopted these provisional rules of procedure and recommendations at its thirty-first meeting. It was agreed that the Committee of Experts should formulate additional provisional rules of procedure for submission to the Council.

Additional provisional rules of procedure drafted by the Committee of Experts were adopted by the Council at its forty-first, forty-second, forty-fourth and forty-eighth meetings. A resolution concerning the admission of new members was submitted by the Representative of Australia at the forty-second meeting; it secured one vote and was declared lost. The provisional rules of procedure adopted by the Council to date are given in document S/96.

4. Statute and Rules of Procedure of the Military Staff Committee

At the twenty-third meeting it was agreed to postpone consideration of Report of the Military Staff Committee concerning its Statute and Rules of Procedure (S/10). The Committee of Experts was instructed to examine the Report. It was agreed that pending the approval of the Council of the Report

of the Military Staff Committee, the Military Staff Committee was authorized to carry out its business along the lines suggested in its Report.

At the twenty-fifth meeting consideration of the Report was further postponed pending examination by the Committee of Experts. The Committee is now examining the Report.

5. Resolution of the General Assembly Concerning a Committee on Rules Concerning the Admission of New Members

By letter dated 25 November (S/196) the Secretary-General requested the President of the Security Council to bring to the attention of the Council a resolution of the General Assembly requesting the Security Council to appoint a committee to confer with a committee on procedures of the General Assembly with a view to preparing rules governing the admission of new Members which would be acceptable both to the General Assembly and to the Security Council.

At its eighty-first meeting on 29 November 1946, the Council instructed the Committee of Experts to name a small committee from its own number to meet with the committee which would be appointed by the Assembly, and to report any proposals back to the Council for further instructions.

6. Resolution of the General Assembly Concerning Re-Examination of Applications for Membership

By letter dated 25 November 1946, (S/197) the Secretary-General requested the President of the Security Council to bring to the attention of the Council a resolution of the General-Assembly recommending that the Security Council re-examine applications for membership in the United Nations of the Peoples Republic of Albania, the Hashemite Kingdom of Transjordan the Mongolian People's Republic, Ireland and Portugal, on their respective merits as measured by the yardstick of the Charter, in accordance with Article 4.

At its eighty-first meeting on 29 November 1946, the Representative of Australia proposed that the Council adopt the Assembly recommendation and refer the question to the Committee on the Admission of New Members. After discussion the Council decided to adopt the first part of this proposal, accepting the

resolution of the General Assembly. At the request of the President the Representative of Australia withdrew the second part of his proposal on the understanding that before the next meeting of the Council the President would consult with the Members to consider a line of procedure which would give effect to the desire of the Council to co-operate with the General Assembly, at the same time preserving its own entire right of freedom of action.

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