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## FIFTEEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY-FIFTH MEETING

Held in private in New York on Wednesday, 21 October 1970, at 4 p.m.

*President:* Mr. Gregorio LOPEZ-BRAVO (Spain).

*Present:* The representatives of the following States: Burundi, China, Colombia, Finland, France, Nepal, Nicaragua, Poland, Sierra Leone, Spain, Syria, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America and Zambia.

### Official communiqué

In accordance with rule 55 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Security Council, the following communiqué was issued by the Secretary-General and is circulated in place of a verbatim record:

#### *"Final communiqué of the first periodic meeting of the Security Council"*

"1. The first periodic meeting of the Security Council envisaged in Article 28, paragraph 2, of the Charter was held on 21 October 1970 at the Headquarters of the United Nations in New York. The meeting was presided over by the Foreign Minister of Spain and attended by the Foreign Ministers of China, Colombia, Finland, France, Nepal, Nicaragua, Poland, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America, by the Deputy Foreign Minister of Syria and by the Permanent Representatives to the United Nations of Burundi, Sierra Leone and Zambia.

"2. At the meeting, the Secretary-General delivered a statement on the international situation. The representatives of the member States of the Security Council had a general exchange of views on current issues affecting international peace and security. They pledged their full support for seeking peaceful solutions to outstanding international disputes and conflicts, in accordance with the purposes and principles of the United Nations Charter.

"3. In reviewing issues currently before the Security Council, members of the Council also con-

sulted on how to contribute to a peaceful political settlement in the Middle East. They reaffirmed their conviction that Security Council resolution 242 (1967) of 22 November 1967 should be supported and carried out in all its parts and that, to that end, all concerned should co-operate fully in a concerted effort to promote the establishment of a just and lasting peace in the Middle East.

"4. With regard to the problems of southern Africa, which have been considered by the Security Council, members of the Council reaffirmed their determination to continue their search for practicable means, in conformity with the Charter, that would enable the peoples of that area to exercise their inalienable right to self-determination and to enjoy their fundamental human rights in freedom and dignity.

"5. Members of the Security Council declared that the capability of the Council to act effectively for the maintenance of international peace and security should be further strengthened. They agreed that the holding of periodic meetings in accordance with Article 28, paragraph 2, of the Charter was an important step in that direction. They also agreed to examine possibilities for further improvements in the methods of work of the Security Council in promoting the peaceful settlement of disputes in accordance with the Charter.

"6. In view of the primary responsibility of the Security Council for the maintenance of international peace and security, members of the Council emphasized the importance of reaching early agreement on guidelines for future peace-keeping operations in conformity with the Charter.

"7. It was agreed that the date of the next periodic meeting of the Security Council would be determined through consultations among the members of the Council.

"8. The representatives of Burundi, Sierra Leone and Zambia reserved their position on paragraph 4. The representative of Syria stated that his Government's position was reflected in his delegation's statement made at the meeting."

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