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## SEVENTEEN HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIRST MEETING

Held in New York on Tuesday, 17 July 1973, at 10.30 a.m.

*President:* Mr. K. JAMIESON (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland).

*Present:* The representatives of the following States: Australia, Austria, China, France, Guinea, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Panama, Peru, Sudan, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America and Yugoslavia.

### Provisional agenda (S/Agenda/1731)

1. Adoption of the agenda.

2. Admission of new Members:

Application of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas for admission to membership in the United Nations:

Telegram dated 10 July 1973 from the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas to the Secretary-General (S/10966).

### Expression of thanks to the retiring President

1. The PRESIDENT: Before we proceed to the business of this meeting of the Council, it falls to my lot to exercise the traditional privilege of congratulating the outgoing President of the Security Council. Equally in accordance with tradition—British tradition this time—I shall be brief, especially since my Permanent Representative, who will be returning later this week to occupy his rightful place in this chair, may wish to say more. In the meantime, however, on behalf of the Council I should like, through our friend Ambassador Issraelyan, to thank the representative of the USSR for his conduct of our business last month. I think that we can all agree that we had a very busy month in June and that Ambassador Malik played a full and skilful part in our proceedings, both as President and as representative of the Soviet Union, and both in our formal meetings and in our informal consultations. I hope that those thanks will be passed on to Ambassador Malik.

2. Mr. ISSRAELYAN (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) (*translated from Russian*): I may perhaps be breaking with tradition by taking the floor just before you move on to the discussion of the second item on the agenda, but I should like, on behalf of the Soviet delegation, to thank you for your kind words addressed to Ambassador Malik, the Permanent

Representative of the Soviet Union, who was President of the Security Council in June. I should also like to express the hope that in July the Security Council will be able to deal successfully with the responsible tasks facing it.

3. Finally, I should like on my own behalf to take this opportunity to congratulate you, a colleague and long-time associate at the United Nations, on the fact that you are presiding over the Security Council, thus breaking with what is, perhaps, a somewhat unjust tradition in conformity with which only permanent representatives have presided over the Security Council. I think this is the first time that the honour of occupying this chair has fallen to a deputy permanent representative, and I accordingly congratulate him.

4. The PRESIDENT: I thank the representative of the Soviet Union for his remarks. In fact it is not a precedent, but we will talk about that outside the Council.

### Adoption of the agenda

*The agenda was adopted.*

### Admission of new Members

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5. The PRESIDENT: The application for membership in the United Nations submitted on 10 July 1973 by the Commonwealth of the Bahamas is before the Council in document S/10966.

6. Rule 59 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Security Council provides that, unless the Council decides otherwise, the President shall refer applications for membership to the Committee on the Admission of New Members. Accordingly, I propose to ask the Committee to study the application for the admission of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas and to report thereon to the Security Council as soon as possible. Since no member of the Security Council has asked to speak at this stage, I consider that the Council is in agreement with this intention.

*It was so decided.*

7. As a result of prior informal consultations, a meeting of the Committee on the Admission of New Members has been arranged to begin immediately.

8. Before we adjourn, I think it would be useful

to announce that we have consulted informally among members of the Security Council, and an understanding has been reached that the Council should meet again tomorrow, 18 July, to consider the report of the Committee on the Admission of New Members.

*The meeting rose at 11.05 a.m.*