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2290th MEETING

Held in New York on Wednesday, 8 July 1981, at 11 a.m.

President: Mr. Idé OUMAROU (Niger).

Adoption of the agenda

Present: The representatives of the following States: China, France, German Democratic Republic, Ireland, Japan, Mexico, Niger, Panama, Philippines, Spain, Tunisia, Uganda, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

The agenda was adopted.

Admission of new Members:

Letter dated 22 May 1981 from the Prime Minister of the Republic of Vanuatu to the Secretary-General (S/14506)¹

Provisional agenda (S/Agenda/2290)

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Admission of new Members:
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The meeting was called to order at 11.25 a.m.

Expression of thanks to the outgoing President

1. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from French*): Since this is the first meeting of the Security Council in July, I should like to pay a tribute, on behalf of the Council, to Mr. Muñoz Ledo, representative of Mexico, for the way in which he conducted the proceedings of the Council in June. As President of the Council, Mr. Muñoz Ledo won our admiration and gratitude for the great skill with which he discharged his functions.

Expression of welcome to the new Under-Secretary-General for Political and Security Council Affairs

2. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from French*): It is my great pleasure this morning to welcome Mr. Viacheslav Alexandrovich Ustinov, who has just been appointed Under-Secretary-General for Political and Security Council Affairs. Mr. Ustinov has had a particularly distinguished career in his country's administration: he has been in charge of African affairs in the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of the Soviet Union. Furthermore, he has served his country as Ambassador, and the international community as an international civil servant. I am sure I reflect the feelings of all the members of the Security Council in bidding him a warm welcome.

3. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from French*): On 8 June 1981, the Secretary-General, acting in accordance with rule 59 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Security Council, circulated in document S/14506 the application of the Republic of Vanuatu for admission to membership of the United Nations.

4. Under the further provisions of rule 59, unless the Security Council decides otherwise, applications of this kind shall be referred by the President of the Council to the Committee on the Admission of New Members. Accordingly, if there is no objection, I shall refer the application of the Republic of Vanuatu to that Committee for examination and report. I would suggest that the members of the Committee meet immediately following the adjournment of this meeting in order to examine the application of the Republic of Vanuatu and to prepare a report to the Council.

It was so decided.

5. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from French*): The Committee on the Admission of New Members will therefore meet at 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 6. I would request the Committee to draft its report bearing in mind that the report will be considered by the Council at a meeting which I intend to schedule for 3.30 p.m. today.

Statement by the Under-Secretary-General for Political and Security Council Affairs

6. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from French*): The Under-Secretary-General for Political and Security Council Affairs wishes to make a brief statement.

7. Mr. USTINOV (Under-Secretary-General for Political and Security Council Affairs): Mr. President, allow me to thank you most sincerely for the warm words of welcome addressed to me on the occasion of my appointment as Under-Secretary-General for Political and Security Council Affairs.

8. I should like to take this opportunity to assure the members of the Council that in this capacity I shall perform my duties to the best of my ability and do whatever possible to assist the Secretary-General in the discharge of his political responsibilities in connection with the Security Council's activities. I shall at all times be conscious of the need to ensure the effective servicing of the Council, in order to facilitate the smooth conduct of its work.

9. As head of the Department of Political and Security Council Affairs, I shall always endeavour to uphold the highest standards of efficiency by the members of the Department. It is my intention to seek the co-operation and understanding of all delegations in this regard. The good wishes that you, Mr. President,

have expressed today are a real source of encouragement to me as I take up my new functions.

10. I wish also to use this opportunity to pay a special tribute to my predecessor, Mr. Mijail Sytenko, who performed his duties in the most effective and exemplary manner.

The meeting rose at 11.30 a.m.

NOTE

¹ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-sixth Session, Annexes, agenda item 20, document A/36/308-S/14506.

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