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The meeting was called to order at 11.35 a.m.

EXPRESSION OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING PRESIDENT

The PRESIDENT: As this is the first meeting of the Security Council for October, I should like to take this opportunity to pay tribute, on behalf of the Council, to His Excellency Mr. James Victor Gbeho, Permanent Representative of Ghana to the United Nations, for his service as President of the Council for the month of September. I am sure I speak for all members in expressing deep appreciation to Ambassador Gbeho for the great diplomatic skill with which he conducted the Council's business last month.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was adopted.

LETTER DATED 21 AUGUST 1987 FROM THE ACTING PRESIDENT AND MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF NAURU ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL, CONCERNING NAURU'S APPLICATION TO BECOME A PARTY TO THE STATUTE OF THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE (S/19137)

The PRESIDENT: The Security Council will now begin its consideration of the item on its agenda.

I propose that in conformity with existing precedents the application submitted by the Republic of Nauru, which is contained in document S/19137, should be referred to the Council's Committee of Experts for study. May I take it that the Security Council agrees on this procedure?

There being no objection, it is so decided.

As it is most desirable that the Security Council, and then the General Assembly, take a decision on this application before the close of the General Assembly's current session, I suggest that the Committee of Experts meet tomorrow to examine the application of the Republic of Nauru and prepare the Committee's report to the Council.

(The President)

There being no objection, it is so decided.

Accordingly, the Committee of Experts will meet tomorrow, Friday, 16 October, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 5. I further request the Committee to prepare its report for consideration by the Security Council at a meeting which I intend to schedule for Monday, 19 October, at 4 p.m.

There being no objection, it is so decided.

The meeting rose at 11.40 a.m.