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SEVEN HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-NINTH MEETING

Held at Headquarters, New York,
on Thursday, 24 December 1987, at 11.40 a.m.

President: Mr. BELONOGOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics)

<p><u>Members:</u> Argentina Bulgaria China Congo France Germany, Federal Republic of Ghana Italy Japan United Arab Emirates United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland United States of America Venezuela Zambia</p>	<p>Mr. DELPECH Mr. TSVETKOV Mr. LI Luye Mr. ADOUKI Mr. BLANC Count YORK von WARTENBURG Mr. GBEHO Mr. BUCCI Mr. KIKUCHI Mr. AL-KINDI Mr. BIRCH Mr. OKUN Mr. AGUILAR Mr. MFULA</p>
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The meeting was called to order at 11.45 a.m.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was adopted.

THE SITUATION BETWEEN IRAN AND IRAQ

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Russian): As a result of consultations of the Security Council, I have been authorized to make the following statement on behalf of the members of the Council:

"The members of the Security Council take note of the assessment made by the Secretary-General to the Security Council on 10 December 1987 following his consultations with the emissaries of Iran and Iraq concerning the implementation of resolution 598 (1987) as well as of his request for a fresh and resolute impulse from the Council. They express their grave concern over the slow pace and lack of real progress in these consultations.

"Determined to bring the conflict to an end as soon as possible, the members of the Security Council reaffirm their commitment to resolution 598 (1987) as an integrated whole. They also reaffirm that the implementation of that resolution is the only basis for a comprehensive, just, honourable and durable settlement of the conflict.

"They support the Secretary-General's outline plan, as endorsed by the Security Council, as well as his efforts to implement resolution 598 (1987).

"They consider it essential that the Secretary-General continue to fulfil the mandate assigned to him by resolution 598 (1987).

"The members of the Security Council declare their determination, in accordance with operative paragraph 10 of resolution 598 (1987), to consider further steps to ensure compliance with this resolution."

(The President)

As no member wishes to make a statement, the Security Council has thus concluded the present stage of its consideration of the item on its agenda.

The meeting rose at 11.50 a.m.