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New York

President:	Mr. Dahlgren	(Sweden)
Members:	Bahrain	Mr. Al-Mansoor
	Brazil	Mr. Patriota
	China	Mr. Li Junhua
	Costa Rica	Mr. Sáenz Biolley
	France	Mr. Teixeira da Silva
	Gabon	Mr. Moungara-Moussotsi
	Gambia	Mr. Jagne
	Japan	Mr. Konishi
	Kenya	Mrs. Odera
	Portugal	Mr. Freire
	Russian Federation	Mr. Sergeev
	Slovenia	Mr. Türk
	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Mr. Richmond
	United States of America	Ms. Willson

Agenda

Protection for humanitarian assistance to refugees and others in conflict situations

Report of the Secretary-General (S/1998/883)

The meeting was called to order at 4.55 p.m.

Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted.

Protection for humanitarian assistance to refugees and others in conflict situations

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The President: In accordance with the decisions taken at the 3932nd meeting, I invite the representatives of Argentina, Austria, Azerbaijan, Canada, Indonesia, Norway, Pakistan and the Republic of Korea to take the seats reserved for them at the side of the Council Chamber.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Petrella (Argentina), Mr. Sucharipa (Austria), Mr. Kouliev (Azerbaijan), Mr. Fowler (Canada), Mr. Wibisono (Indonesia), Mr. Kolby (Norway), Mr. Kamal (Pakistan) and Mr. Lee See-young (Republic of Korea) took the seats reserved for them at the side of the Council Chamber.

The President: The Security Council will now resume its consideration of the item on its agenda.

Following consultations among members of the Security Council, I have been authorized to make the following statement on behalf of the Council:

"The Security Council recalls the statement of its President of 19 June 1997 (S/PRST/1997/34) concerning protection for humanitarian assistance to refugees and others in conflict situations.

"The Security Council welcomes the report of the Secretary-General on Protection for Humanitarian Assistance to Refugees and Others in Conflict Situations (S/1998/883) and notes the recommendations contained therein.

"The Security Council notes that several of the recommendations contained in the report coincide with recommendations made in the report 'The causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa' (S/1998/318).

"The Security Council reaffirms the importance of pursuing a coordinated and comprehensive approach, in accordance with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and principles and provisions of international law, in improving protection for humanitarian assistance to refugees and others in conflict situations.

"The Security Council condemns the attacks or use of force in conflict situations against refugees and other civilians, in violation of the relevant rules of international law, including those of international humanitarian law.

"The Security Council likewise condemns all attacks or use of force against United Nations and other personnel associated with United Nations operations as well as personnel of humanitarian organizations, in violation of international law, including international humanitarian law. In this context, the Council recalls the statement by its President of 12 March 1997 (S/PRST/1997/13) as well as other relevant statements and decisions. It also recalls the Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel adopted by the General Assembly on 9 December 1994.

"The Security Council affirms its intention to review thoroughly and promptly the recommendations of the Secretary-General with a view to taking steps consistent with its responsibilities under the Charter of the United Nations and, in this context, notes the views expressed in the debate on the matter at its 3932nd meeting on 29 September 1998."

This statement will be issued as a document of the Security Council under the symbol S/PRST/1998/30.

The Security Council has thus concluded the present stage of its consideration of the item on the agenda.

The meeting rose at 5 p.m.