

1832nd MEETING

Held in New York on Monday, 21 July 1975, at 10 p.m.

President: Mr. Eugenio PLAJA (Italy).

Present: The representatives of the following States: Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, China, Costa Rica, France, Guyana, Iraq, Italy, Japan, Mauritania, Sweden, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Cameroon, United Republic of Tanzania and United States of America.

Provisional agenda (S/Agenda/1832)

Adoption of the agenda

The situation in the Middle East:
Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Emergency Force (S/11758)

The meeting was called to order at 10.30 p.m.

Expression of thanks to the retiring President

1. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from French*): It is with gratitude and admiration that, in my capacity as President of the Security Council for this month, I express the satisfaction felt, I am sure, by all members of the Council at the way in which the representative of Iraq, Mr. Al-Shaikhly, presided over the work of the Council during the month of June. You will recall that during that month the Council held eight meetings devoted to two important questions, namely, the situation in Namibia and the situation in Cyprus. As you also know, during that month there were numerous informal meetings and consultations among members. In presiding over both the official and informal activities, the representative of Iraq performed his duties admirably and demonstrated his well-known wisdom and patience. May I, on behalf of all my colleagues, ask the representative of Iraq present here to convey to him our appreciation of the personal and professional qualities which he displayed.

Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted.

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2. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from French*):
The report of the Secretary-General on the United

Nations Emergency Force (UNEF), which covers the period 13 April to 15 July 1975, was distributed on 16 July. I should also like to draw the attention of members of the Council to two other relevant documents: the note by the Secretary-General of 15 July [S/11757] which contains the text of the letter addressed to the Secretary-General on 14 July by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Arab Republic of Egypt, and the letter of 16 July addressed to the President of the Council by the representative of Israel [S/11759].

3. That said, I would now like to refer to the consultations already held by the Council on the question of extending the mandate of UNEF in the Middle East. During those consultations, the text of an appeal addressed to the President of Egypt by the President of the Security Council on behalf of the Council was drafted, and I shall now read it out:

"Based on discussions I have held with the Secretary-General of the United Nations and members of the Security Council, and taking account of the gravity of the situation in the Middle East, I believe a further extension of the mandate of the United Nations Emergency Force would make in the present circumstances a significant contribution to creating an atmosphere conducive to progress towards agreement on a just and lasting peace in the area. Therefore, on behalf of the Security Council, I appeal to you to reconsider the attitude of Egypt on the situation. I assure you that the Council, appreciative of the constructive measures already taken towards peace, follows the situation very closely and emphasizes the importance of achieving further progress towards a just and lasting peace and preventing a stalemate in the Middle East."¹

In accordance with the procedure agreed upon among the members in the course of those consultations, the text of the appeal I have just read out will be put to the vote. First, however, I shall call on the representative of China, who wishes to explain his vote before the vote.

4. Mr. CHOU Nan (China) (*translation from Chinese*): With regard to the appeal to be addressed by the President of the Security Council on the renewal of the mandate of UNEF, the Chinese delegation wishes to reaffirm here the Chinese Government's principled position of sympathy and support for the just struggle of Arab countries and to condemn the Israeli aggressors

and their supporters. On the question of UNEF, the Chinese Government has always held its own stand. Accordingly, China dissociates itself from this matter. In view of the foregoing, the Chinese delegation will not participate in the voting on the draft appeal of the President of the Council.

5. Mr. AL-ATTIYYAH (Iraq): Allow me first, Sir, to express our most sincere congratulations to you on your assumption of the presidency. The present issue, with all the intensive negotiations that lie behind it, is an indication of your diplomatic skill and wisdom, from which we are sure the Security Council will continue to benefit. I should like, on behalf of Mr. Al-Shaikhly, to express our thanks for the kind sentiments you have expressed about him. I shall certainly convey them to him. I should like to express our sincere appreciation also to Mr. Cavaglieri for his most beneficial role in conducting the Council's business during the informal consultations.

6. Iraq's position regarding UNEF has been clearly stated on several occasions, particularly in the Security Council. We have dissociated ourselves and still dissociate ourselves from all Council resolutions concerning UNEF. I should like, however, to re-emphasize the following points.

7. Iraq strongly supports the just struggle of Egypt and all other Arab countries whose land is under Israeli occupation. Iraq vehemently upholds the just struggle of the Palestinian people to regain their national rights, including their right of self-determination on their land. We feel that the presence of UNEF

in the occupied Arab territories was meant to be a temporary measure to serve towards and be instrumental in effecting the withdrawal of all the forces of the aggressor party. But the experience of the past couple of years has revealed the tendency on the part of Israel to abuse the presence of UNEF by freezing the situation once more into a state of no-war, no-peace, meanwhile perpetuating and consolidating its occupation by creating new realities, in the nature of more Zionist settlements in the occupied Arab territories and by the further expulsion of the Arab population. Accordingly, Iraq will not participate in the voting.

8. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from French*): I shall therefore now put to the vote the text of the appeal for the approval of the Council.

A vote was taken by show of hands.

The draft appeal was approved by 13 votes to none.

Two members (China and Iraq) did not participate in the voting.

9. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from French*): Since the text of the appeal has been approved by the Council it is my intention to communicate it to President Anwar El-Sadat as soon as possible.

The meeting rose at 10.45 p.m.

Notes

¹ Subsequently circulated as document S/11771.