

REPORT

OF THE

PREPARATORY COMMISSION

OF THE UNITED NATIONS



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13. Election of the members of the International Court of Justice (Statute, Articles 4, 7-12, 14).

Section 3 : Draft Directive to the Military Staff Committee

By Article 47 of the Charter the United Nations have agreed that there shall be established a Military Staff Committee to advise and assist the Security Council, and that the Military Staff Committee shall consist of the Chiefs of Staff of the permanent members of the Security Council or their representatives.

Therefore

1. THE SECURITY COUNCIL REQUESTS the permanent members of the Security Council to direct their Chiefs of Staff to meet, or to appoint representatives who shall meet, at (place) on (date) ;

2. THE SECURITY COUNCIL DIRECTS that the Chiefs of Staff or their representatives, when so assembled, shall constitute the Military Staff Committee referred to above ; and

3. THE SECURITY COUNCIL DIRECTS the Military Staff Committee thereupon, as its first task, to draw up proposals for its organization (including the appropriate secretarial staff) and procedure, and to submit these proposals to the Security Council.

Section 4 : Provisional Rules of Procedure for the Security Council

I.—MEETINGS

Rule 1

The Security Council shall hold regular meetings at intervals.

Rule 2

The Security Council shall hold the periodic meetings called for in Article 28 (2) of the Charter at quarterly intervals as soon after the first of the month as may be convenient.

Rule 3

The President may at any time call extraordinary meetings of the Security Council at notice. He shall call such a meeting at the request of a member of the Security Council. He shall also call an extraordinary meeting as soon as he receives from any Member of the United Nations a communication drawing the attention of the Security Council to a dispute under Article 35 (1) of the Charter.

II.—AGENDA

Rule 4

The provisional Agenda for each meeting shall be drawn up by the Secretary-General and approved by the President of the Security Council.

Rule 5

The provisional Agenda for each regular meeting shall be circulated by the Secretary-General to representatives on the Security Council in advance.

Rule 6

The provisional Agenda for each periodic meeting shall be circulated to the members of the Security Council at least twenty-one days before the opening of the meeting. Any subsequent change in or addition to this provisional agenda shall be brought to the notice of the members at least five days before the meeting. The Security Council may, however, in urgent circumstances, make additions to the Agenda at any time during a periodic meeting.

Rule 7

The provisional Agenda for an extraordinary meeting shall be communicated by the Secretary-General to the members of the Security Council and to their representatives on the Council simultaneously with the convocation of the extraordinary meeting.

VII.—VOTING

Rule 19

Voting in the Security Council shall be in accordance with the relevant Articles of the Charter and of the Statute of the International Court of Justice.

VIII.—PUBLICITY OF MEETINGS

Rule 20

Unless it decides otherwise, the Security Council shall meet in public.

Rule 21

At the close of each private meeting, the Security Council shall issue a communique through the Secretary-General.

Rule 22

The verbatim record of public meetings and the documents relating thereto shall be published as soon as possible.

IX.—RECORDS

Rule 23

Subject to the provisions of Rule 24, the Secretary-General shall keep a verbatim record of all meetings and shall send it as soon as possible to the representatives on the Council, who shall within forty-eight hours inform the Secretariat of any corrections they wish to have made.

Rule 24*

The Security Council may decide that, for a private meeting, a summary record in a single copy shall alone be made. This record shall be kept by the Secretary-General, and the representatives of states who have taken part in the meeting may have corrections made in their own speeches within a period of ten days. On the expiry of this period the record shall be considered as approved, and shall be signed by the Secretary-General.

X.—ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS

Rule 25

Any state which desires to become a Member of the United Nations shall submit an application to the Secretary-General. This application shall be accompanied by a declaration of its readiness to accept the obligations contained in the Charter.

Rule 26

The application for membership in the United Nations shall be placed by the Secretary-General before the Security Council, which shall decide whether in its judgment the applicant is a peace-loving state and is able and willing to carry out the obligations contained in the Charter.

Rule 27

Should the Security Council decide to recommend the applicant state for membership in the United Nations, this recommendation shall be placed before the General Assembly by the Secretary-General.

* In connection with Rule 24, attention is drawn to Appendix III.