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Appointment of a member of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Indian Ocean

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The Secretary-General has received the following communication, dated 5 March 1981, from the President of the General Assembly:

"In paragraph 1 of resolution 34/80 B of 11 December 1979, the General Assembly decided to enlarge the Ad Hoc Committee on the Indian Ocean by the addition of new members to be appointed by the President of the Assembly on the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Committee.

"By communications dated 10 June and 31 July 1980 (see A/34/854 and Add.1), the President of the thirty-fourth session of the General Assembly announced that, on the basis of the recommendations made by the Ad Hoc Committee, he had appointed 12 additional members of the Committee.

"In a letter dated 2 March 1981, the Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee informed me that at its 131st meeting, on 27 February 1981, the Committee, pursuant to resolution 34/80 B, had decided to recommend Thailand for appointment to the Committee.

"It is of course unusual for a subsidiary organ of the General Assembly with limited membership to have the power to extend that membership even with the endorsement of the President of the Assembly. In the present instance I recognize that the Ad Hoc Committee's recommendation is based on the specific authorization contained in paragraph 1 of resolution 34/80 B, under which the Committee and the President of the thirty-fourth session had already acted twice. Although it is not clear that the General Assembly had intended, by the resolution it adopted at the thirty-fourth session, to establish a continuing authority for expanding the Committee, in deciding to comply with the latter's recent request I have also taken into account that the Assembly has never specified the size of the Committee and that the Committee acted by consensus.

"In the light of the foregoing considerations, I have appointed Thailand as a member of the Ad Hoc Committee.

(Signed) Rüdiger von WECHMAR"

2. As a result of the above appointment, the Ad Hoc Committee on the Indian Ocean is composed of the following 46 Member States:

Australia	Mauritius
Bangladesh	Mozambique
Bulgaria	Netherlands
Canada	Norway
China	Oman
Democratic Yemen	Pakistan
Djibouti	Panama
Egypt	Poland
Ethiopia	Romania
France	Seychelles
German Democratic Republic	Singapore
Germany, Federal Republic of	Somalia
Greece	Sri Lanka
India	Sudan
Indonesia	Thailand
Iran	Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
Iraq	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Italy	United Republic of Tanzania
Japan	United States of America
Kenya	Yemen
Liberia	Yugoslavia
Madagascar	Zambia
Malaysia	
Maldives	
