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2301st MEETING

Held in New York on Wednesday, 23 September 1981, at 10 a.m.

President: Mr. Carlos P. ROMULO (Philippines).

Present: The representatives of the following States: China, France, German Democratic Republic, Ireland, Japan, Mexico, Niger, Panama, Philippines, Spain, Tunisia, Uganda, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

Provisional agenda (S/Agenda/23b1)

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Admission of new Members:
Telegram dated 21 September 1981 from the Prime Minister of Belize to the Secretary-General (S/14701)

The meeting was called to order at 10.20 a.m.

Expression of thanks to the outgoing President

1. The PRESIDENT: Since this is the first meeting of the Council for the month of September, I should like, on behalf of the Council, to express appreciation to Mr. Jorge Enrique Illueca, Minister for External Relations of Panama, for his services as President of the Council for the month of August. I should like to pay him a tribute for the diplomatic skill, tact and courtesy with which he guided the work of the Council last month.

Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted.

Admission of new Members:

Telegram dated 21 September 1981 from the Prime Minister of Belize addressed to the Secretary-General (S/14701)¹

2. The PRESIDENT: I wish to inform the members of the Council that I have received a letter, dated 21 September 1981, from the representative of Guatemala requesting to be invited to participate in the Council's discussion of the application of Belize for admission to membership in the United Nations. In accordance with the provisions of Article 31 of the

Charter and with rule 37 of the provisional rules of procedure, as well as the usual practice, I propose to invite the representative I have just mentioned to participate in the discussion without the right to vote.

It is so decided.

3. The PRESIDENT: On 21 September, the Secretary-General, acting in accordance with rule 59 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Council, circulated the application of Belize for admission to membership in the United Nations [S/14701]. Under the further provisions of rule 59, unless the Council decides otherwise, such application shall be referred by the President of the Council to the Committee on the Admission of New Members. Accordingly, unless I hear a proposal to the contrary, I shall refer the application for admission of Belize to the Committee on the Admission of New Members for examination and report.

4. The last sentence of rule 59 provides that the Committee shall report its conclusions to the Council not less than 35 days in advance of a regular session of the General Assembly. As the Assembly is in session now, I propose that the Council agree to waive the deadline on this occasion and ask the Committee to report today. I take it that the Council agrees to follow the procedures I have just outlined.

It is so decided.

5. The PRESIDENT: I suggest that the members of the Committee meet immediately following the adjournment of this meeting in order to examine the application of Belize and prepare the Committee's report to the Council.

The meeting rose at 10.30 a.m.

NOTE

¹ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-sixth Session, Annexes, agenda item 20, document A/36/533-S/14701.

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