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2478th MEETING

Held in New York on Thursday, 22 September 1983, at 10.30 a.m.

President: Mr. Noel G. SINCLAIR (Guyana).

Present: The representatives of the following States: China, France, Guyana, Jordan, Malta, Netherlands, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Poland, Togo, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Zaire, Zimbabwe.

Provisional agenda (S/Agenda/2478)

1. Adoption of the agenda

2. Admission of new Members:

Letter dated 19 September 1983 from the Prime Minister of Saint Christopher and Nevis addressed to the Secretary-General (S/15989)

The meeting was called to order at 11.05 a.m.

Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted.

Admission of new Members:

Letter dated 19 September 1983 from the Prime Minister of Saint Christopher and Nevis addressed to the Secretary-General (S/15989)

1. The PRESIDENT: On 19 September, the Secretary-General, acting in accordance with rule 59 of the provi-

sional rules of procedure of the Council, circulated the application of Saint Christopher and Nevis for admission to membership of the United Nations. 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 of Saint Christopher and Nevis to the Committee on the Admission of New Members for examination and report.

2. The last sentence of rule 59 provides that the Committee shall report its conclusions to the Council no less than 35 days in advance of a regular session of the General Assembly. As the General Assembly is currently in session, 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 procedure I have just outlined.

It was so decided.

3. The PRESIDENT: I would therefore suggest that the members of the Committee meet immediately following the adjournment of this meeting in order to examine the application of Saint Christopher and Nevis and to prepare the Committee's report to the Council.

The meeting rose at 11.10 a.m.

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