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NINE HUNDRED AND SEVENTEENTH MEETINGHeld at Headquarters, New York,
on Tuesday, 17 April 1990, at 10.30 a.m.

President: Mr. TADESSE (Ethiopia)

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The meeting was called to order at 10.50 a.m.

EXPRESSION OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING PRESIDENT

The PRESIDENT: As this is the first meeting of the Security Council for the month of April, I should like to take this opportunity to pay tribute, on behalf of the Council, to His Excellency Mr. Abdalla Saleh Al-Ashtal, Permanent Representative of Democratic Yemen to the United Nations, for his remarkable service as President of the Security Council for the month of March 1990. I am sure I speak for all members of the Security Council in expressing deep appreciation to Ambassador Al-Ashtal for the great diplomatic skill and unflinching courtesy with which he conducted the Council's business last month.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was adopted.

ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS

LETTER DATED 6 APRIL 1990 FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA
ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL (S/21241)

The PRESIDENT: The Security Council will now begin its consideration of the item on its agenda.

In a letter dated 6 April 1990 addressed to the Secretary-General, the President of the Republic of Namibia submitted the application of his country for membership in the United Nations. That letter has been circulated in document S/21241. Under the provisions of rule 59 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Security Council, unless the Council decides otherwise applications for membership 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 the Republic of Namibia to the Committee on the Admission of New Members for examination and report. The

(The President)

last sentence of rule 59 provides that the Committee shall report its conclusions to the Council not less than 14 days in advance of a special session of the General Assembly. As the eighteenth special session of the General Assembly will commence on 23 April, I propose that the Council agree to waive the time-limit on this occasion.

I take it that the Council agrees to follow the procedure I have just outlined.

There being no objection, it is so decided.

I would suggest that the members of the Committee on the Admission of New Members meet immediately following the adjournment of this meeting in order to examine the application of the Republic of Namibia and prepare the Committee's report to the Council.

As I hear no objection, it is so decided.

Accordingly, the Committee will meet in 10 minutes in Conference Room 5.

I would further request the Committee to prepare its report for the consideration of the Security Council at a meeting to be held at 3.30 p.m. today.

The meeting rose at 10.55 a.m.