

**LETTER DATED 1 SEPTEMBER 1980 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF MALTA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL<sup>57</sup>**

**Decision**

At its 2294th meeting, on 30 July 1981, the Council decided, in accordance with the decision taken at its 2246th meeting, on 4 September 1980, to invite the representatives of Malta and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya to participate, without vote, in the discussion of the item entitled "Letter dated 1 September 1980 from the Permanent Representative of Malta to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/14140)".<sup>58</sup>

<sup>57</sup> Resolutions or decisions on this question were also adopted by the Council in 1980.

<sup>58</sup> See *Official Records of the Security Council, Thirty-fifth Year, Supplement for July, August and September 1980*.

**COMPLAINT BY ANGOLA AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA<sup>59</sup>**

**Decisions**

At its 2296th meeting, on 28 August 1981, the Council decided to invite the representatives of Angola, Brazil, Cuba, Viet Nam and Zimbabwe to participate, without vote, in the discussion of the item entitled "Complaint by Angola against South Africa: letter dated 26 August 1981 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Angola to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (S/14647)".<sup>60</sup>

At its 2297th meeting, on 29 August 1981, the Council decided to invite the representatives of the Federal Republic of Germany, India, Kenya, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, South Africa and Yugoslavia to participate, without vote, in the discussion of the question.

<sup>59</sup> Resolutions or decisions on this question were also adopted by the Council in 1978, 1979 and 1980.

<sup>60</sup> See *Official Records of the Security Council, Thirty-sixth Year, Supplement for July, August and September 1981*.

At its 2298th meeting, on 29 August 1981, the Council decided to invite the representative of Canada to participate, without vote, in the discussion of the question.

At its 2299th meeting, on 31 August 1981, the Council decided, at the request of the representative of Tunisia,<sup>61</sup> to extend an invitation to Mr. Clovis Maksoud under rule 39 of the provisional rules of procedure.

At its 2300th meeting, on 31 August 1981, the Council decided to invite the representative of Mozambique to participate, without vote, in the discussion of the question.

<sup>61</sup> Document S/14666, incorporated in the record of the 2299th meeting.

**COMPLAINT BY SEYCHELLES**

**Decision**

At its 2314th meeting, on 15 December 1981, the Council decided to invite the representatives of Seychelles and Botswana to participate, without vote, in the discussion of the item entitled "Complaint by Seychelles: letter dated 8 December 1981 from the Chargé d'affaires of the Permanent Mission of Seychelles to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/14783)".<sup>62</sup>

<sup>62</sup> See *Official Records of the Security Council, Thirty-sixth Year, Supplement for October, November and December 1981*.

**Resolution 496 (1981)**

**of 15 December 1981**

*The Security Council,*

*Taking note* of the letter dated 8 December 1981 from the Chargé d'affaires of the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Seychelles to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council,<sup>63</sup>

*Having heard* the statement of the representative of the Republic of Seychelles,<sup>64</sup>

<sup>63</sup> *Ibid.*, document S/14783.

<sup>64</sup> *Ibid.*, *Thirty-sixth Year*, 2314th meeting.

*Bearing in mind* that all Member States must refrain in their international relations from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any State, or in any other manner inconsistent with the purposes of the United Nations,

1. *Affirms* that the territorial integrity and political independence of the Republic of Seychelles must be respected;

2. *Condemns* the recent mercenary aggression against the Republic of Seychelles and the subsequent hijacking;

3. *Decides* to send a commission of inquiry composed of three members of the Security Council in order to investigate the origin, background and financing of the mercenary aggression of 25 November 1981 against the Republic of Seychelles, as well as assess and evaluate economic damages, and to report to the Council with recommendations no later than 31 January 1982;

4. *Decides* that the members of the commission of inquiry will be appointed after consultations between the President and the members of the Security Council and the Republic of Seychelles;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide the commission of inquiry with the necessary assistance;

6. *Decides* to remain seized of the question.

*Adopted unanimously at the 2314th meeting.*

### **Decision**

In a note dated 24 December 1981,<sup>65</sup> the President of the Council stated that, following consultations with the members of the Council and the Republic of Seychelles, agreement had been reached that the commission of inquiry established under paragraph 3 of resolution 496 (1981) would be composed of Ireland, Japan and Panama.

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<sup>65</sup> S/14816.