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SPKR[Keating] MS[New Zealand] FCT[Chairman] LANG[1]  
ITEM[Adoption of the agenda]  
TXT[Adoption of the agenda Note verbale dated 14 October 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Jordan addressed to the Chairman  
Letter dated 22 September 1993 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Chairman  
Letter dated 1 October 1993 from the Deputy Representative of the United States addressed to the Chairman  
Letter dated 7 October 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq addressed to the Chairman  
Note verbale dated 3 September 1993 from the Permanent Mission of Norway addressed to the Chairman  
Letter dated 12 October 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Luxembourg addressed to the Chairman  
Letter dated 21 October 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq addressed to the Chairman  
Commmunications under the "no-objection" procedure  
ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA The agenda was adopted.]

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SPKR[Keating] MS[New Zealand] FCT[Chairman] LANG[1]  
ITEM[Note verbale dated 14 October 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Jordan addressed to the Chairman  
(S/AC.25/1993/COMM.3411)]  
TXT[Drew attention to a note verbale from the Permanent Representative of Jordan (S/AC.25/1993/COMM.3411) informing the Committee of the traffic of food and medical supplies that had passed through the Ruweished border point on its way to Iraq during the period 9 to 30 September 1993. If he heard no objection, he would take it that the Committee wished to take note of that communication. It was so decided.]

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SPKR[Keating] MS[New Zealand] FCT[Chairman] LANG[1]  
ITEM[Letter dated 22 September 1993 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Chairman  
(S/AC.25/1993/COMM.3103)]  
TXT[Drew attention to a letter dated 22 September 1993 from the President of the Security Council (S/AC.25/1993/COMM.3103) forwarding to him, for the Committee's consideration, a letter dated 14 September 1993 from the Secretary-General, together with its enclosures - a letter dated 22 July 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq and a letter dated 18 July 1993 from the Secretary-General of the League of Arab States. The Permanent Representative of Iraq had requested the Secretary-General to use his good offices with a view to enabling Iraq to use some of its frozen assets to pay its assessed contribution to the United Nations regular budget.]

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SPKR[Keating] MS[New Zealand] FCT[Chairman] LANG[1]  
ITEM[Letter dated 22 September 1993 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Chairman

(S/AC.25/1993/COMM.3103)]

TXT[In that connection, the Committee had, at its previous meeting, decided to ask the Secretariat to clarify why the United Nations had been unable to accept payment in Iraqi dinars, an issue that had been raised by the Iraqi Government with the United Nations Controller. In response to that request, the Secretariat wished to draw attention to the following facts. In a letter dated 7 May 1993 addressed to the Permanent Representative of Iraq, the Controller had pointed out that the Secretary-General would make every possible effort to accommodate those Member States which wished to pay their contributions in currencies other than United States dollars, but that he would have to be mindful of certain constraints.]

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SPKR[Keating] MS[New Zealand] FCT[Chairman] LANG[1]

ITEM[Letter dated 22 September 1993 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Chairman

(S/AC.25/1993/COMM.3103)]

TXT[In accordance with the relevant Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations, annual contributions to the United Nations budget should be assessed and paid in United States dollars. Exceptions were made only if the other currencies were freely transferable, were required by the United Nations for the financing of its expenses and were calculated at the rate of exchange most favourable to the United Nations, normally the market buying rate. The Secretariat had further noted that the Iraqi Government had so far not permitted the United Nations to use Iraqi dinars to meet its requirements for United Nations activities other than in connection with the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA).]

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ITEM[Letter dated 22 September 1993 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Chairman

(S/AC.25/1993/COMM.3103)]

TXT[As a result, existing United Nations holdings of Iraqi dinars were sufficient to cover ESCWA local currency requirements for several years. Moreover, Iraq had insisted that, in the event that the United Nations agreed to accept dinars in payment of its assessed contribution, the amount should be calculated at the official exchange rate, which was approximately three dollars to one dinar, whereas the actual market rate was at least 50 dinars to one dollar. In view of the foregoing, the United Nations had not been in a position to accept additional Iraqi dinars.]

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SPKR[Keating] MS[New Zealand] FCT[Chairman] LANG[1]

ITEM[Letter dated 22 September 1993 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Chairman

(S/AC.25/1993/COMM.3103)]

TXT[Should the Iraqi Government change its position, the Controller would be glad to review the situation. With regard to the letter from the Secretary-General of the League of Arab States, he had, in

accordance with a decision taken at the Committee's previous meeting, written to the Secretary-General of the League requesting clarification of the phrase "any humanitarian purpose". The Committee would be better able to resume its consideration of the matter after it had received that information.]

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SPKR[Aron] MS[United Kingdom] FCT[Member] LANG[1]

ITEM[Letter dated 22 September 1993 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Chairman  
(S/AC.25/1993/COMM.3103)]

TXT[Her delegation fully supported the Secretariat's views with regard to the payment of Iraq's contribution in dinars. The terms being offered by the Iraqi Government in that connection were not acceptable. Furthermore, although resolution 661 (1990) made an exception in the case of frozen funds used for humanitarian purposes, that argument could not be used in respect of contributions owed to the United Nations. The Committee's hands were tied. Under the relevant Security Council resolutions, it was not authorized to permit Iraq to use its frozen assets in payment of its outstanding contribution.]

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SPKR[Cardoso] MS[Brazil] FCT[Member] LANG[1]

ITEM[Letter dated 22 September 1993 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Chairman  
(S/AC.25/1993/COMM.3103)]

TXT[It might be advisable for the Committee to wait for the clarification requested from the League of Arab States before it informed the Security Council of its views on the matter under consideration.]

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SPKR[Keating] MS[New Zealand] FCT[Chairman] LANG[1]

ITEM[Letter dated 22 September 1993 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Chairman  
(S/AC.25/1993/COMM.3103)]

TXT[Agreed that it was probably outside the Committee's competence to make a special exception which would authorize the use of the frozen assets in payment of Iraq's assessed contributions. That was a matter for the Security Council. He therefore suggested that he should write a letter to the President of the Security Council drawing attention to the information provided to the Committee by the Secretariat in respect of Iraq's offer to pay its contribution in dinars and to the legal situation in which the Committee found itself, and noting that the Committee was awaiting further clarification from the League of Arab States.]

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SPKR[Bellouki] MS[Morocco] FCT[Member] LANG[1]

ITEM[Letter dated 22 September 1993 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Chairman  
(S/AC.25/1993/COMM.3103)]

TXT[The letter should contain an explicit reference to the

provisions the Committee was invoking as a basis for its refusal to agree to Iraq's request. Moreover, the Committee should postpone its consideration of the matter until it had received the information requested from the League of Arab States.]

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SPKR[Ashiki] MS[Japan] FCT[Member] LANG[1]

ITEM[Letter dated 22 September 1993 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Chairman  
(S/AC.25/1993/COMM.3103)]

TXT[While he was in favour of informing the Security Council of the Committee's views on the matter under consideration, he would prefer to offer the Council a technical solution to the problem.]

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SPKR[Keating] MS[New Zealand] FCT[Chairman] LANG[1]

ITEM[Letter dated 22 September 1993 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Chairman  
(S/AC.25/1993/COMM.3103)]

TXT[In its report on the matter, the Secretariat had emphasized its intention to continue to work constructively with Iraq in seeking a solution. It would be worthwhile to draw attention to that fact in his reply to the President of the Security Council.]

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SPKR[Niaz] MS[Pakistan] FCT[Member] LANG[1]

ITEM[Letter dated 22 September 1993 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Chairman  
(S/AC.25/1993/COMM.3103)]

TXT[Agreed with the Secretariat's position: The United Nations could not accept dinars under the current terms offered by the Iraqi Government. While the Committee was not empowered to take a decision on the matter, it could make a recommendation to that effect to the Security Council.]

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SPKR[Aron] MS[United Kingdom] FCT[Member] LANG[1]

ITEM[Letter dated 22 September 1993 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Chairman  
(S/AC.25/1993/COMM.3103)]

TXT[The course of action was clear: the United Nations had demonstrated its constructive approach by indicating that it would consider accepting payment in dinars, but not under the current terms. The solution was for Iraq to change the terms of its offer.]

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SPKR[Cardoso] MS[Brazil] FCT[Member] LANG[1]

ITEM[Letter dated 22 September 1993 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Chairman  
(S/AC.25/1993/COMM.3103)]

TXT[The payment of annual contributions to the budget in a currency other than United States dollars was authorized only as an

exception to the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations and the Committee did not have the authority to decide that such an exception should be made. It was not simply a matter of suggesting that Iraq should change the terms of the offer. Everything possible should be done to enable Iraq to pay its contribution and the only organ with the power to act in that regard was the Security Council. If the political will existed, the Council could, for example, adopt a resolution under which it would add the payment of contributions to international organizations to the list of existing exceptions with regard to the use of Iraq's frozen assets. His delegation would support such a resolution.]

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SPKR[Keating] MS[New Zealand] FCT[Chairman] LANG[1]

ITEM[Letter dated 22 September 1993 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Chairman  
(S/AC.25/1993/COMM.3103)]

TXT[The representative of Brazil had helped to clarify the issue. The course of action for the Security Council was clear, as long as the political will existed. A recommendation on the substance of the matter was simply not within the Committee's terms of reference. The Committee would revert to the letter from the League of Arab States as soon as it had received the clarification requested.]

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SPKR[Keating] MS[New Zealand] FCT[Chairman] LANG[1]

ITEM[Letter dated 1 October 1993 from the Deputy Permanent Representative of the United States addressed to the Chairman  
(S/AC.25/1993/COMM.3198)]

TXT[Drew attention to a letter dated 1 October 1993 from the Deputy Permanent Representative of the United States  
(S/AC.25/1993/COMM.3198) informing the Committee of disturbing evidence that significant levels of trade were being carried out between Iraq and Iran in violation of Security Council resolutions prohibiting such trade and asking the Committee to take immediate action to help end that activity. The Committee had considered the matter at its previous meeting and had decided to postpone consideration until some delegations had received instructions from their Governments.]

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SPKR[Badri] MS[Djibouti] FCT[Member] LANG[1]

ITEM[Letter dated 1 October 1993 from the Deputy Permanent Representative of the United States addressed to the Chairman  
(S/AC.25/1993/COMM.3198)]

TXT[Speaking on behalf of the non-aligned countries which were members of the Committee, said that, before taking a final decision, the Committee might wish to hear the views of the other party. He suggested that the Committee should transmit the letter from the Deputy Representative of the United States to the Permanent Representative of Iran and wait for his reply before taking any action on the matter.]

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SPKR[Keating] MS[New Zealand] FCT[Chairman] LANG[1]  
ITEM[Letter dated 1 October 1993 from the Deputy Permanent  
Representative of the United States addressed to the Chairman  
(S/AC.25/1993/COMM.3198)]

TXT[The Permanent Representative of Iran had informed him that his  
Government would appreciate having the opportunity to submit its  
views on the matter to the Committee.]

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SPKR[Rose] MS[United States] FCT[Member] LANG[1]  
ITEM[Letter dated 1 October 1993 from the Deputy Permanent  
Representative of the United States addressed to the Chairman  
(S/AC.25/1993/COMM.3198)]

TXT[Welcomed the constructive suggestion made by the representative  
of Djibouti. It was fair and reasonable to invite the other party  
to present its views. He reminded the Committee that his Government  
had presented the information contained in the letter in a very  
businesslike manner. In that same spirit, it would welcome Iran's  
reply. He hoped that Iran would fully comply with the Security  
Council resolutions, as other Member States had done.]

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SPKR[Keating] MS[New Zealand] FCT[Chairman] LANG[1]  
ITEM[Letter dated 1 October 1993 from the Deputy Permanent  
Representative of the United States addressed to the Chairman  
(S/AC.25/1993/COMM.3198)]

TXT[Would inform the Permanent Representative of Iran of the  
Committee's decision. He asked how members would respond in the  
event that the Permanent Representative of Iran indicated a desire  
to appear before the Committee.]

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SPKR[Niaz] MS[Pakistan] FCT[Member] LANG[1]  
ITEM[Letter dated 1 October 1993 from the Deputy Permanent  
Representative of the United States addressed to the Chairman  
(S/AC.25/1993/COMM.3198)]

TXT[Had no objection to having the Permanent Representative of Iran  
appear before the Committee, if he should so desire.]

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SPKR[Rose] MS[United States] FCT[Member] LANG[1]  
ITEM[Letter dated 1 October 1993 from the Deputy Permanent  
Representative of the United States addressed to the Chairman  
(S/AC.25/1993/COMM.3198)]

TXT[In principle, he was not opposed to the idea but he would like  
some time to consult his Government.]

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ITEM[Letter dated 1 October 1993 from the Deputy Permanent  
Representative of the United States addressed to the Chairman  
(S/AC.25/1993/COMM.3198)]

TXT[The Committee would return to the matter at a later stage.]

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SPKR[Keating] MS[New Zealand] FCT[Chairman] LANG[1]  
ITEM[Letter dated 7 October 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq addressed to the Chairman (S/AC.25/1993/COMM.3375)]  
TXT[Drew attention to a letter dated 7 October 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq (S/AC.25/1993/COMM.3375) stating that Iraq was experiencing serious problems in the electricity sector owing to a lack of spare parts for its power plants and asking the Committee to authorize the import of the spare parts listed in an annex to the letter.]

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SPKR[Aron] MS[United Kingdom] FCT[Member] LANG[1]  
ITEM[Letter dated 7 October 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq addressed to the Chairman (S/AC.25/1993/COMM.3375)]  
TXT[The request, as it stood, was not entirely satisfactory and the Committee might wish to offer a number of constructive suggestions in that regard. First, much more information should be provided regarding the end use of the spare parts in question, including the installations for which those parts would be used. Second, it was the Committee's practice to consider requests from the exporting rather than the importing country and that practice should be applied in the case under consideration. Third, the Committee tended to agree more readily to requests that were sponsored by United Nations agencies.]

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SPKR[Girre] MS[France] FCT[Member] LANG[1]  
ITEM[Letter dated 7 October 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq addressed to the Chairman (S/AC.25/1993/COMM.3375)]  
TXT[Fully agreed with the United Kingdom representative. His delegation was aware that the production of electric power could, in certain cases, be classified as an essential humanitarian need and hoped that the Committee could agree to Iraq's request. However, it was impossible to grant an overall authorization for the import of the products in question at the current stage. The three criteria suggested by the representative of the United Kingdom would first have to be met. Once the Committee had obtained the necessary additional information, it should proceed to consider the request item by item.]

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SPKR[Rose] MS[United States] FCT[Member] LANG[1]  
ITEM[Letter dated 7 October 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq addressed to the Chairman (S/AC.25/1993/COMM.3375)]  
TXT[Fully agreed with the views expressed by the representatives of the United Kingdom and France. He noted that in the past the Committee had agreed to a request involving the reconstruction of a power plant in Iraq because, in that case, the application had met the necessary requirements. The procedures under which the Committee operated were valid; in particular, it was the exporting countries which should make the request since such countries might

themselves be subject to sanctions. That was in fact the case with the request currently under consideration: one of the companies on the list of suppliers was located in the former Yugoslavia.]

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SPKR[Cardoso] MS[Brazil] FCT[Member] LANG[1]

ITEM[Letter dated 7 October 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq addressed to the Chairman (S/AC.25/1993/COMM.3375)]

TXT[Electric power was an essential civilian need. While he agreed that the request submitted by Iraq was not in keeping with the usual procedure, he wished to point out that the letter from Iraq could be useful as a frame of reference for the Committee's subsequent examination of requests by the exporting countries.]

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SPKR[Gatilov] MS[Russia] FCT[Member] LANG[1]

ITEM[Letter dated 7 October 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq addressed to the Chairman (S/AC.25/1993/COMM.3375)]

TXT[The Committee should bear in mind the very serious humanitarian purpose that would be served by the spare parts for power plants requested by Iraq. Since his country was one of those mentioned on the list, he wished to inform the Committee that the Russian Federation had already submitted a request for permission to export parts to Iraq for use in the electricity sector. That request contained detailed information and he trusted that the Committee would examine it objectively. If necessary, however, his delegation would be happy to supply additional information.]

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SPKR[Keating] MS[New Zealand] FCT[Chairman] LANG[1]

ITEM[Letter dated 7 October 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq addressed to the Chairman (S/AC.25/1993/COMM.3375)]

TXT[Thanked the representative of the Russian Federation for his helpful statement. It was encouraging to note that some of the exporting countries were already submitting the necessary applications. In order to avoid duplication and overlapping, it was essential that the Committee should follow the normal procedure for the consideration of applications and that the exporting countries should do likewise. If he heard no further comments, he would take it that the Committee agreed that he should send a reply to the Ambassador of Iraq along the lines suggested. It was so decided.]

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SPKR[Keating] MS[New Zealand] FCT[Chairman] LANG[1]

ITEM[Note verbale dated 3 September 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Norway addressed to the Chairman (S/AC.25/1993/COMM.2737)]

TXT[Drew attention to a note verbale dated 3 September 1993 from the Permanent Mission of Norway (S/AC.25/1993/COMM.2737) asking what kind of procedure should be followed with regard to the financing of Iraqi purchases by means of the transfer of frozen Iraqi funds via the subaccount of the escrow account established pursuant to Security Council resolution 712 (1991). He recalled that, at the previous meeting, the Committee had asked the



Secretariat to do some research and make recommendations concerning procedural matters relating to the issue raised in the letter from Norway. The Secretariat had now prepared a brief report based on initial research.]

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SPKR[Keating] MS[New Zealand] FCT[Chairman] LANG[1]

ITEM[Note verbale dated 3 September 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Norway addressed to the Chairman (S/AC.25/1993/COMM.2737)]

TXT[To date no fund had been transferred into the subaccount of the escrow account and no detailed mechanism had ever been formulated with regard to the transfer of funds into and the use of the subaccount.]

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SPKR[Keating] MS[New Zealand] FCT[Chairman] LANG[1]

ITEM[Note verbale dated 3 September 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Norway addressed to the Chairman (S/AC.25/1993/COMM.2737)]

TXT[As the Secretariat read the relevant provisions of the Security Council resolutions and the guidelines concerning the procedures to be employed by the Committee in the discharge of its responsibilities under resolutions 706 (1991) and 712 (1991) and the related guidelines (S/23149), Iraqi imports of foodstuffs, medicines and materials and supplies for essential civilian needs, as approved by the Committee were, apart from the provisions of paragraph 1 (c) of Security Council resolution 706 (1991), subject only to the provisions and procedures of paragraph 20 of Security Council resolution 687 (1991), and that the monitoring referred to in paragraph 1 (c) of Security Council resolution 706 (1991) would be carried out as indicated in annex II to the Secretary-General's report (S/23006).]

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ITEM[Note verbale dated 3 September 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Norway addressed to the Chairman (S/AC.25/1993/COMM.2737)]

TXT[To the Secretariat's knowledge, Iraq had yet to comply with Security Council resolutions 706 (1991) and 712 (1991). Since the scheme envisaged in paragraph 1 (c) of resolution 706 (1991) was still in force, the subaccount could not be utilized to finance the Iraqi purchases in the absence of an appropriate mechanism for the management of the activities and the monitoring and supervision provisions set forth in that paragraph.]

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SPKR[Keating] MS[New Zealand] FCT[Chairman] LANG[1]

ITEM[Note verbale dated 3 September 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Norway addressed to the Chairman (S/AC.25/1993/COMM.2737)]

TXT[In the view of the Secretariat, the voluntary transfer of funds to the subaccount of the escrow account did not in itself pose a

problem, but the use of such funds in the subaccount to finance Iraqi purchases at the current stage was not feasible, since the procedural scheme set forth in paragraph 1 (c) of resolution 706 (1991) and in the related guidelines (S/23149) on the management and monitoring of activities relating to the use of the subaccount was, in the view of the Secretariat, applicable and controlling. The Secretariat had stressed that the information it had provided was the result of initial research only. The issue was evidently a very complex one, and he would therefore like to hear the views of members.]

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SPKR[Cardoso] MS[Brazil] FCT[Member] LANG[1]

ITEM[Note verbale dated 3 September 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Norway addressed to the Chairman (S/AC.25/1993/COMM.2737)]

TXT[Pointed out that the Permanent Representative of Luxembourg, in a letter dated 12 October 1993 (S/AC.25/1993/COMM.3410) had also raised the issue of the subaccount of the escrow account. He therefore proposed that both the Norwegian and the Luxembourg communications should be retained on the Committee's agenda until members had had an opportunity to examine the Secretariat report. He requested that the Secretariat provide the report on its research into the matter to members in written form.]

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ITEM[Note verbale dated 3 September 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Norway addressed to the Chairman (S/AC.25/1993/COMM.2737)]

TXT[If he heard no objection, he would take it that the Committee wished to have the Secretariat report circulated as a document, and to take up the Norwegian communication at a later meeting. It was so decided.]

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SPKR[Keating] MS[New Zealand] FCT[Chairman] LANG[1]

ITEM[Letter dated 12 October 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Luxembourg addressed to the Chairman (S/AC.25/1993/COMM.3410)]

TXT[Drew attention to the letter dated 12 October 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Luxembourg (S/AC.25/1993/COMM.3410) containing a request similar to the Norwegian request which had just been discussed. The basic element in the Luxembourg letter also concerned the procedural matters governing the operation of the subaccount of the escrow account. If he heard no objection, he would take it that members agreed to take it up, together with the Norwegian request, at a later meeting. It was so decided.]

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SPKR[Keating] MS[New Zealand] FCT[Chairman] LANG[1]

ITEM[Letter dated 21 October 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq addressed to the Chairman (S/AC.25/1993/COMM.3572)]

TXT[Drew attention to a letter from the Permanent Representative of Iraq (S/AC.25/1993/COMM.3572) informing the Committee of the Iraqi

Government's intention to finance its wheat purchase from Germany with its frozen assets and requesting the approval of the Committee for the release of the amount required (\$75 million to \$80 million) from frozen Iraqi assets in Germany for that purpose. Although the communication did not mention the subaccount of the escrow account, it did raise similar issues. He therefore suggested that it should be considered together with the communications from Norway and Luxembourg at a later meeting. If he heard no objection, he would take it that the Committee agreed to that procedure. It was so decided.]

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SPKR[Keating] MS[New Zealand] FCT[Chairman] LANG[1]  
ITEM[Communications under the "no-objection" procedure]  
TXT[Drew attention to the comprehensive list showing the status of communications for the period 1 to 30 September 1993. He invited members who had raised objections to any of the communications to inform the Committee if there had been any change in their position.]

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SPKR[Ashiki] MS[Japan] FCT[Member] LANG[1]  
ITEM[Communications under the "no-objection" procedure]  
TXT[His Government wished to withdraw its objections to communications S/AC.25/1993/COMM.1837, S/AC.25/1993/COMM.1907, S/AC.25/1993/COMM.1967, S/AC.25/1993/COMM.1968, S/AC.25/1993/COMM.1974, S/AC.25/1993/COMM.2049, S/AC.25/1993/COMM.2051.]

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SPKR[Aron] MS[United Kingdom] FCT[Member] LANG[1]  
ITEM[Communications under the "no-objection" procedure]  
TXT[Referring to communication S/AC.25/1993/COMM.1926, said that her Government had decided, on the basis of information received from Brazil, to release its hold on all vehicles with the exception of oil wagons.]

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SPKR[Rose] MS[United States] FCT[Member] LANG[1]  
ITEM[Communications under the "no-objection" procedure]  
TXT[His delegation also withdrew its objections to communication S/AC.25/1993/COMM.1926, on the same terms mentioned by the representative of the United Kingdom.]

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SPKR[Girre] MS[France] FCT[Member] LANG[1]  
ITEM[Communications under the "no-objection" procedure]  
TXT[Although it was not mentioned in the status list, France had also put a hold on communication S/AC.25/1993/COMM.1926 in respect of trucks for the transport of petroleum products. It did not have any objection with regard to the other vehicles mentioned in the communication.]

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SPKR[Bellouki] MS[Morocco] FCT[Member] LANG[1]

ITEM[Communications under the "no-objection" procedure]

TXT[While he welcomed the change of position of some delegations, he still saw a certain rigidity in the Committee's approach to some of the requests. Specifically, his delegation did not consider reasonable the objections and holds placed on a number of requests. For example, communication S/AC.25/1993/COMM.1836, relating to caustic soda to be exported by Jordan, should be approved; in the past, the Committee had approved requests for caustic soda. Communication S/AC.25/1993/COMM.1828, relating to plastic injection machinery, should also be approved. Noting that communication S/AC.25/1993/COMM.1842, relating to agricultural tractor brakes, had been put on hold by the United Kingdom; he said he hoped that that hold would be removed when the next list was issued, since tractors were used in agriculture, and agriculture produced foodstuffs; he pointed out, moreover, that in the past the Committee had always accepted such requests.]

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SPKR[Bellouki] MS[Morocco] FCT[Member] LANG[1]

ITEM[Communications under the "no-objection" procedure]

TXT[Saw no reason to object to communication S/AC.25/1993/COMM.1849, relating to steel bars for hospital construction, since products for hospital construction should benefit from a more flexible approach. Communication S/AC.25/1993/COMM.1864, relating to the export from Cyprus of water taps with fittings, should also be approved, inasmuch as a product that would be used to help to purify water certainly served a humanitarian purpose. There were several requests for refrigeration products, including one relating to refrigeration copper pipes, and one relating to refrigeration compressors; considering that Iraq was a country with a hot climate, refrigeration products were of vital importance.]

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ITEM[Communications under the "no-objection" procedure]

TXT[The same consideration could be applied to communications S/AC.25/1993/COMM.1872, relating to electric fan motors, and 1873, relating to refrigeration gas condensers. His delegation would also like to see more favourable treatment given textiles, such as the ladies textiles requested in one communication, and it hoped that in the next list there would be no problem with that item.]

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ITEM[Communications under the "no-objection" procedure]

TXT[Brake fluid, which was the subject of another request, should also be given favourable consideration, since that was a product that would help to prevent accidents and was therefore vital. Communication S/AC.25/1993/COMM.1953 contained a request regarding the export from Lebanon of fertilizer; since that was a product for agricultural use and thus related to food production, he saw no

reason to object to it. Communication S/AC.25/1993/COMM.1959 contained another request relating to a product used in water purification, namely chemicals for the treatment of water; his delegation hoped that the hold on that item would be lifted in the next list.]

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SPKR[Bellouki] MS[Morocco] FCT[Member] LANG[1]

ITEM[Communications under the "no-objection" procedure]

TXT[Communication S/AC.25/1993/COMM.1970, relating to the export from Jordan of tyres with tubes for tractors and ambulances should be treated favourably for obvious reasons. Both an objection and a hold had been placed against communication S/AC.25/1993/COMM.1972, which contained a request from Jordan relating to paper; paper did not seem to be a dangerous product, and he hoped that that request would be treated favourably. His delegation could not see why there should be any problem with communication S/AC.25/1993/COMM.1997, relating to cartons for school, and wondered to what extent that product could be prohibited by the Security Council resolution. Anything for schools and hospitals should be given preferential treatment and approached flexibly. Fabrics for hospitals and students, requested in communication S/AC.25/1993/COMM.2005, should also be treated favourably.]

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SPKR[Bellouki] MS[Morocco] FCT[Member] LANG[1]

ITEM[Communications under the "no-objection" procedure]

TXT[His delegation understood that there might be some resistance to approving fabrics for other purposes; however, in the past, the Committee had approved requests for fabrics to be used for hospitals and students.]

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SPKR[Bellouki] MS[Morocco] FCT[Member] LANG[1]

ITEM[Communications under the "no-objection" procedure]

TXT[Communications S/AC.25/1993/COMM.2032 and S/AC.25/1993/COMM.2100 contained requests relating to the export from Turkey of ashtrays; similar requests had been approved in the past, and he could not see that there would be any harm in approving those two communications. Insecticides which were referred to in communication S/AC.25/1993/COMM.2041, were important products for all countries, and he did not see why Iraq should be excluded from the benefit of such products. With regard to the requests relating to cement, he understood that there was always some resistance to such requests; but in the cases in question the cement would be used for building low-income housing; he therefore felt that the Committee should make an exception.]

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SPKR[Rose] MS[United States] FCT[Member] LANG[1]

ITEM[Communications under the "no-objection" procedure]

TXT[While he understood the concern expressed by the representative of Morocco, he felt that it was important to realize that a large number of requests had also been approved by the Committee, and

that large shipments of wheat, rice and medicines had been delivered to Iraq. Communication S/AC.25/1993/COMM.1844, regarding fertilizer from Norway, had been approved, as had a number of other items. It was important to remember that the requests had to be considered on a case-by-case basis; some of the apparent inconsistencies might be due to a lack of adequate information. He was pleased to inform the Committee that his Government had removed its hold on communication S/AC.25/1993/COMM.1803.]

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SPKR[Chen] MS[China] FCT[Member] LANG[1]

ITEM[Communications under the "no-objection" procedure]

TXT[Endorsed the comments made by the representative of Morocco, which were based on humanitarian concerns. He also wished to draw attention to the fact that in many cases textiles were intended to be used for clothing for students and poorer members of society; requests for the import of those items should therefore be considered on a case-by-case basis. He hoped that, after receiving clarification, the Committee could approve those requests.]

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SPKR[Aron] MS[United Kingdom] FCT[Member] LANG[1]

ITEM[Communications under the "no-objection" procedure]

TXT[Wished to assure the representative of Morocco that her delegation made every effort to interpret the Security Council's resolutions as consistently as possible and that it took a sympathetic approach to the applications. When it placed an application on hold, it did so in the interest of obtaining additional information. When it blocked a request, it did so because it was convinced, to the best of its knowledge, that the items requested were not intended for humanitarian purposes.]