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SPKR[Rasi] MS[Finland] FCT[Chairman] LANG[1]

ITEM[Adoption of the agenda]

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Foodstuffs and delivery of foodstuffs: Security Council resolutions 661 (1990), paragraph 3 (c), and 666 (1990)

Consultations under Article 50 of the Charter

Implementation of resolution 670 (1990)

Other matters

The agenda was adopted.]

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SPKR[Gotzev] MS[Bulgaria] FCT[Invitee] LANG[1]

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TXT[Bulgaria had taken all necessary measures to apply Security Council resolutions 661 (1990) and 666 (1990), but strict implementation of the sanctions had had an enormous impact on its economy. Those economic problems, which were endangering Bulgaria's transition towards democracy, had been described more fully in document S/21573 and in the address delivered by Mr. Zhelev, the President of Bulgaria to the General Assembly the day before. By the end of 1990, Bulgarian State and public companies were expected to incur losses of \$1.4 billion. The figure was even more alarming when considered in terms of per capita income. Bulgarian exports had been further affected by the impact of the sanctions on its economic relations with other Arab countries. Lastly, the loss of more than 3 million tons of oil, which Bulgaria could not afford to purchase from other sources, could spell disaster]

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TXT[if the winter proved to be harsh. Regrettably, no action had been taken as yet on Bulgaria's urgent appeal to the Security Council. Bulgaria was seeking assistance, under Article 49 of the Charter in identifying alternative oil suppliers. It was also seeking direct financial assistance as compensation for its losses; the rescheduling and alleviation of its foreign debt; and other forms of support from its creditors and international monetary and financial institutions. Of even greater urgency was the fate of Bulgarians, including diplomats, held hostage in Kuwait as a result of Bulgaria's position on the Iraqi occupation. The exit of 694 Bulgarian nationals still in Kuwait, several of them in poor health, was being prevented. Their food supplies were depleted, there was a shortage of drinking water, and the Iraqi authorities had warned that food rations to Bulgarians would be]

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TXT[cut off as of 1 October. In Bulgaria, there was growing public concern over the fate of the hostages. The Government was being accused of indifference to their plight, and questions were arising with regard to the sanctions and the proposed dispatch of a limited Bulgarian contingent to the Persian Gulf. The economic and psychological effects on Bulgarian society were undoubtedly hindering the implementation of democratic reforms. Bulgaria required the Committee's authorization to send foodstuffs urgently, on four trucks via Turkey or by a chartered flight to Baghdad. The Bulgarian Embassy in Iraq and a committee of Bulgarian nationals trapped in Iraq would monitor the transit of the food supplies from the Turkish-Iraqi border and their distribution, in compliance with the relevant Security Council resolutions.]

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SPKR[Richardson] MS[United Kingdom] FCT[Member] LANG[1]
ITEM[Foodstuffs and delivery of foodstuffs: Security Council resolutions 661 (1990), paragraph 3 (c), and 666 (1990) (S/21810 and 21821; S/AC.25/1990/COMM.3, 12, 19, 20, 21, 23 and 25)]
TXT[His delegation had learned that the Iraqi authorities were reconsidering their threats to cut off food rations. It seemed that ration cards would be available to nationals of all countries, including detainees. He wondered if the Bulgarian delegation, too, had received information to that effect.]

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TXT[Replied to Mr. Richardson of the United Kingdom that his delegation had received no such information officially.]

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SPKR[Floreaan] MS[Romania] FCT[Member] LANG[1]
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TXT[His delegation fully understood Bulgaria's request and the measures it had taken, since Romanian nationals faced similar problems. It appeared that the situation in Iraq was growing worse, owing to a lack of food and medical supplies. Romania, too, had encountered difficulties in its efforts to repatriate its nationals. He wished to assure the representative of Bulgaria that the Committee would devote its full attention to the Bulgarian request and to the information the Bulgarian representative had provided.]

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TXT[Expressed his delegation's gratitude. The Committee was highly regarded by the Bulgarian public and his delegation hoped that its request would be taken very seriously and acted upon with urgency. The Committee's decision would have very important consequences for the Bulgarian Government and people.]

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TXT[Noted that the Committee had been considering requests from Bulgaria for some time, concerning both assistance to its nationals in Iraq and consultations under Article 50 of the Charter. The Committee should take a decision at the earliest possible date in order to assist Bulgarians and other foreign nationals. His delegation was satisfied that the Bulgarian authorities would assume responsibility for the transport and distribution of emergency food supplies in compliance with Security Council resolution 666 (1990). He wished to know whether Bulgaria was prepared to dispatch trucks or a chartered flight immediately, pending the Committee's authorization, or whether certain arrangements must still be made.]

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TXT[It was his understanding that the Bulgarian authorities were fully prepared to ship the food and were only awaiting the Committee's authorization.]

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SPKR[Tilakaratne] MS[Sri Lanka] FCT[Invitee] LANG[1]
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TXT[Drew the Committee's attention to the special problems of nearly 100,000 Sri Lankan women who had been employed as domestics in Kuwait. The Sri Lankan Government had devoted considerable resources to airlifting approximately 20,000 of those women to Amman, but the others remained helpless, huddled in two or three camps since the closure of the Sri Lankan embassy. It had so far proved impossible to persuade some of the women and children to cross into Jordan. The Iraqi authorities had advised Sri Lanka to provide food for its nationals during the remainder of the evacuation process, similar to the arrangements made by India. His delegation therefore hoped the Committee would authorize the dispatch of a ship carrying essential food supplies and staffed by representatives of the Sri Lankan Red Cross, which was affiliated with the International Committee of the Red Cross.]

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and 21821; S/AC.25/1990/COMM.3, 12, 19, 20, 21, 23 and 25)]
TXT[The ship would be used, on the return voyage, to assist in the
evacuation process. Although India had expressed its willingness to
share its supplies with the Sri Lankan nationals, the fact was that
the Indian food was still in warehouses and was also being claimed
by thousands of foreign nationals of other countries. Sri Lanka was
a small developing country whose defence budget had increased as a
result of internal ethnic disputes and whose tea exports to Iraq
had been halted when the sanctions were imposed. Moreover,
remittances from family members employed in Kuwait were a major
source of income for an estimated one half million Sri Lankans. Sri
Lanka would also be severely affected by the recent sharp rise in
oil prices. He urged the Committee to agree to his country's
request, which had been submitted separately in order to avoid
procedural difficulties.]

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resolutions 661 (1990), paragraph 3 (c), and 666 (1990) (S/21810
and 21821; S/AC.25/1990/COMM.3, 12, 19, 20, 21, 23 and 25)]
TXT[Expressed his full support for the application made by Sri
Lanka and regretted that a decision had not been taken earlier on
the Sri Lankan request. The matter had been long outstanding, and
large numbers of women were suffering at that very moment. His
delegation urged the Committee to take a decision at that
meeting.]

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and 21821; S/AC.25/1990/COMM.3, 12, 19, 20, 21, 23 and 25)]
TXT[Referring to the earlier Sri Lankan communications
(S/AC.25/1990/COMM.12 and 20), supported the Malaysian request and
expressed regret that the Committee's response had not been
satisfactory. Sri Lanka was a poor, developing country and its
authorities had already made considerable efforts to help their
nationals in Kuwait. At the very least, the Committee could act
swiftly to authorize the departure of a Sri Lankan ship.]

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and 21821; S/AC.25/1990/COMM.3, 12, 19, 20, 21, 23 and 25)]
TXT[Agreed with the representatives of Malaysia and Cuba. He wished
to know whether, the Sri Lankan Government had completed
preparations to dispatch its vessel, pending the Committee's
approval.]

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TXT[His Government was basically hoping to send a ship under the same conditions as had applied to that sent by the Government of India. According to his information, it would take several weeks to distribute the surplus Indian food, during which time the Sri Lankan nationals in Kuwait and Iraq would continue to be in jeopardy.]

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TXT[Noting that one vessel could evacuate only a limited number of people, asked for any indication as to the expected rate of departure of Sri Lankan nationals by land during the next few weeks.]

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TXT[His Government hoped to send some food and then ferry two or three loads of passengers out to a convenient airport whence they could be repatriated to Sri Lanka. It was difficult to persuade the individuals involved to embark on the long and difficult overland journey to Jordan because of the unfortunate experiences undergone by some who had already taken that route. The magnitude of his country's social problem was indicated by the fact that some 1,000 people were camped outside the Colombo airport awaiting the return of their relatives, in addition to another 4,000 outside the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.]

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TXT[Asked whether any detailed talks had yet been held between India and Sri Lanka concerning the quantity of Indian food which might be distributed to Sri Lankan nationals, or the conditions for such distribution.]

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TXT[India had invited several countries to share the food which it had transported. However, it appeared that the food was currently stored in warehouses, with tens of thousands clamouring for its release. The arrangements appeared somewhat nebulous. He had no idea of what the food consisted or how it was to be distributed.]

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TXT[Endorsed the remarks made by the representatives of Cuba, Malaysia and China and noted the need for an urgent decision. She felt it was legitimate that a vessel should be used to feed and subsequently evacuate Sri Lankan nationals.]

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TXT[The further details provided by the representative of Sri Lanka had confirmed the rightness of his country's decision to endorse Sri Lanka's request from the outset. Noting that reference had been made to negotiations with the Iraqi authorities, he wished to know whether the delivery and distribution of food would be carried out in accordance with the relevant Security Council resolutions.]

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TXT[Understood that the same procedure as that applied by the Government of India would be adopted.]

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TXT[Fully understood the humanitarian aspect of the problems faced by Sri Lankan nationals in Kuwait and Iraq. He would be interested to know whether, in the opinion of the Sri Lankan Government, the situation remained much as it was when the crisis began or whether it had deteriorated since the request had been submitted. It would also be useful to know whether that Government expected the assistance offered by India to be sufficient as an alternative to its own proposal.]

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TXT[The few reports at his disposal indicated that Sri Lankan nationals were undergoing tremendous personal hardship and approaching the brink of starvation. There was no sense in prolonging their agony, and it was for that reason that his Government wished to evacuate them as soon as possible.]

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TXT[Interpretation problems might have prevented his remarks being understood. He repeated the same two questions.]

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TXT[Acknowledged that the situation had indeed deteriorated gravely. About 4,000 people were gathered in two camps close to where his country's embassy used to be. They had no money, and their conditions were worsening each day. While grateful for the offer made by the Government of India, he did not see it as an immediate solution to the problem.]

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TXT[His country had recently reported the presence of some 3,000 Yugoslav workers remaining in Iraq. Its latest information, received on 30 September, was that only some 600 now remained, with the number expected to fall further to between 200 and 300 by the end of October. That was the minimum number expected to be required for the purpose of maintaining equipment and preventing further losses. All work by Yugoslav companies in Iraq had been discontinued, and his Government was making great efforts to ensure the evacuation of more personnel. Since evacuation had proceeded more rapidly than anticipated, his country's request for food supplies was now less urgent, but a need would arise for the provision of food to the minimum number of workers who would be required to remain in Iraq.]

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TXT[Although companies had estimated that minimum number to be 600, his Government had succeeded in reducing it to between 200 and 300.]

He therefore hoped that the Committee would consider his request seriously and take a decision in principle that, if and when the need arose, his country would be authorized to send food to its workers in Iraq. It stood ready to comply with any conditions set by the Committee, including, given Iraq's refusal to allow distribution by international agencies, the dispatch of personnel from his country's Red Cross Society.]

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TXT[Asked whether she had understood correctly that Yugoslavia was not asking for immediate permission to transport foodstuffs but simply requesting approval in principle for subsequent deliveries, details of which would be provided in due course.]

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TXT[Confirmed that her understanding was correct. His country expected soon to be in a position to make a specific request. Meanwhile, a decision in principle would help enormously to raise the spirits of workers' families in Yugoslavia.]

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TXT[His Government sought to draw the Committee's attention to the very serious problems faced by some 16,000 Vietnamese nationals working in Iraq under agreements concluded in 1986 and 1988. Besides those employed in irrigation projects and housing construction, many were employed as drivers, mechanical workers or nurses. Some 1,000 of them were women. About 11,000 were working near Mosul, 3,500 in and around Baghdad, and over 1,000 in the Basra area. They now faced a desperate food shortage. More than half of them were sick and some might face starvation within a few days. As of 1 October 1990, Iraq would discontinue its supply of food to them. His Government therefore urgently requested assistance in mounting an international relief operation to rush 500 tons of food to Vietnamese nationals in Iraq and provide for the urgent repatriation of between 4,000 and]

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TXT[5,000 people, with priority being accorded to women and the

sick. Ideally, direct flights should be organized from Baghdad, Mosul and Basra. With regard to food, his Government wished to send 500 tons on board two Vietnamese ships, which could also evacuate about 1,000 people. Those ships were prepared to leave for Iraq as soon as approval was granted. Despite India's readiness to share its food, the situation would only be marginally alleviated by such assistance. His Government had approached various international agencies with respect to repatriation. Although the agencies had responded positively, they had indicated a need for his country's nationals to be brought out initially overland to one of Iraq's neighbouring countries. Accordingly, his Government had already asked for assistance from Iran, Jordan and Turkey in permitting the transit of Vietnamese nationals.]

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SPKR[Lozinskiy] MS[Soviet Union] FCT[Member] LANG[1]
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TXT[Asked whether, as in the Indian case, Viet Nam could ensure proper monitoring of food distribution by humanitarian organizations.]

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TXT[His Government was prepared to accept any conditions governing food distribution which might be established by the Committee.]

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TXT[Requested information as to the type and quantity of food which had been offered to Vietnamese nationals by the Government of India and asked whether they had already begun to receive such foodstuffs.]

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TXT[Understood that India had offered to provide his country's nationals with about 240 tons of rice, 1,600 kilograms of milk and 2,000 kilograms of sugar. He had no information as to whether that food had yet been distributed.]

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

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TXT[Asked whether the Vietnamese authorities had made any plans for distributing the foodstuffs transported to Iraq by ship to their nationals there. In particular, he wished to know whether the Vietnamese authorities were working with Indian authorities on the distribution of the foodstuffs shipped by the Indian Government. The question was an important one, as Vietnamese nationals appeared to be located in a number of places throughout Iraq.]

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SPKR[Trinh Xuan Lang] MS[Viet Nam] FCT[Invitee] LANG[1]
ITEM[Foodstuffs and delivery of foodstuffs: Security Council resolutions 661 (1990), paragraph 3 (c), and 666 (1990) (S/21810 and 21821; S/AC.25/1990/COMM.3, 12, 19, 20, 21, 23 and 25)]
TXT[Distribution arrangements were being made by the Indian and Vietnamese Governments through their Ambassadors in Iraq. However, he had not yet received any concrete information as to the nature of those arrangements.]

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SPKR[Kalkku] MS[Finland] FCT[Member] LANG[1]
ITEM[Foodstuffs and delivery of foodstuffs: Security Council resolutions 661 (1990), paragraph 3 (c), and 666 (1990) (S/21810 and 21821; S/AC.25/1990/COMM.3, 12, 19, 20, 21, 23 and 25)]
TXT[Asked the representative of Viet Nam whether he could provide an estimate of the time it would take to evacuate all Vietnamese nationals from Iraq and Kuwait.]

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CAT[661] MTG[15] DATE[10/3/90] TYPE[Intervention]
SPKR[Trinh Xuan Lang] MS[Viet Nam] FCT[Invitee] LANG[1]
ITEM[Foodstuffs and delivery of foodstuffs: Security Council resolutions 661 (1990), paragraph 3 (c), and 666 (1990) (S/21810 and 21821; S/AC.25/1990/COMM.3, 12, 19, 20, 21, 23 and 25)]
TXT[His Government intended to repatriate all 16,000 Vietnamese workers in Iraq and had to that end approached various international organizations and the countries concerned. As repatriation arrangements were still under discussion, a specific plan had yet to be elaborated, and he was therefore unable to say how long it would take to implement such arrangements.]

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CAT[661] MTG[15] DATE[10/3/90] TYPE[Intervention]
SPKR[Richardson] MS[United Kingdom] FCT[Member] LANG[1]
ITEM[Foodstuffs and delivery of foodstuffs: Security Council resolutions 661 (1990), paragraph 3 (c), and 666 (1990) (S/21810 and 21821; S/AC.25/1990/COMM.3, 12, 19, 20, 21, 23 and 25)]
TXT[Again recalled that his Government had been informed that the Iraqi Minister of Trade had stated on 30 September that ration cards for basic foodstuffs would be issued to all persons in Iraq, including foreign nationals. He inquired whether the representative of Viet Nam had heard that information, which his delegation sought to have confirmed.]

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CAT[661] MTG[15] DATE[10/3/90] TYPE[Intervention]

SPKR[Trinh Xuan Lang] MS[Viet Nam] FCT[Invitee] LANG[1]

ITEM[Foodstuffs and delivery of foodstuffs: Security Council resolutions 661 (1990), paragraph 3 (c), and 666 (1990) (S/21810 and 21821; S/AC.25/1990/COMM.3, 12, 19, 20, 21, 23 and 25)]

TXT[At the outset of the crisis, his Government had been assured that the welfare and security of Vietnamese nationals would be looked after. However, it had recently been informed that the Iraqi Government intended to cut food supplies to Vietnamese nationals as of 1 October.]

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SPKR[Redzuan] MS[Malaysia] FCT[Member] LANG[1]

ITEM[Foodstuffs and delivery of foodstuffs: Security Council resolutions 661 (1990), paragraph 3 (c), and 666 (1990) (S/21810 and 21821; S/AC.25/1990/COMM.3, 12, 19, 20, 21, 23 and 25)]

TXT[Asked how long it would take the two Vietnamese ships to reach Iraq and whether the representative of Viet Nam would be able to report to the Committee in the next few days on the status of the delivery of Indian foodstuffs to Vietnamese nationals.]

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CAT[661] MTG[15] DATE[10/3/90] TYPE[Intervention]

SPKR[Trinh Xuan Lang] MS[Viet Nam] FCT[Invitee] LANG[1]

ITEM[Foodstuffs and delivery of foodstuffs: Security Council resolutions 661 (1990), paragraph 3 (c), and 666 (1990) (S/21810 and 21821; S/AC.25/1990/COMM.3, 12, 19, 20, 21, 23 and 25)]

TXT[Estimated that the Vietnamese ships would take two weeks to reach Iraq. He would ask his Government to provide him with information regarding the situation of the foodstuffs India planned to share with Vietnamese nationals and would report to the Committee thereon as soon as he received a reply.]

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SPKR[Rasi] MS[Finland] FCT[Chairman] LANG[1]

ITEM[Foodstuffs and delivery of foodstuffs: Security Council resolutions 661 (1990), paragraph 3 (c), and 666 (1990) (S/21810 and 21821; S/AC.25/1990/COMM.3, 12, 19, 20, 21, 23 and 25)]

TXT[Invited the Committee to consider the requests made by Bulgaria, Sri Lanka and Viet Nam in the light of the clarifications provided by the representatives of those countries.]

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

ITEM[Foodstuffs and delivery of foodstuffs: Security Council resolutions 661 (1990), paragraph 3 (c), and 666 (1990) (S/21810 and 21821; S/AC.25/1990/COMM.3, 12, 19, 20, 21, 23 and 25)]

TXT[The statement on 30 September by the Iraqi Minister of Trade that ration cards would be issued to all persons in Iraq without discrimination, including foreign nationals, was a rather important development which would affect Asian nationals in Iraq and Kuwait.]

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SPKR[Al-Alfi] MS[Yemen] FCT[Member] LANG[1]
ITEM[Foodstuffs and delivery of foodstuffs: Security Council
resolutions 661 (1990), paragraph 3 (c), and 666 (1990) (S/21810
and 21821; S/AC.25/1990/COMM.3, 12, 19, 20, 21, 23 and 25)]
TXT[The fact that the Iraqi Minister of Trade had stated that
foodstuffs would be available to foreigners did not mean that the
high-level representatives of Governments who had just addressed
the Committee were providing misleading information. That
information concerned the latest developments affecting their
nationals in Iraq and Kuwait, who appeared to be in need of food
regardless of any statement issued by the Iraqi Government or
anyone else. The Committee was therefore ethically bound to provide
those foreign nationals with foodstuffs and should take a decision
regardless of any information from Iraqi sources.]

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SPKR[Richardson] MS[United Kingdom] FCT[Member] LANG[1]
ITEM[Foodstuffs and delivery of foodstuffs: Security Council
resolutions 661 (1990), paragraph 3 (c), and 666 (1990) (S/21810
and 21821; S/AC.25/1990/COMM.3, 12, 19, 20, 21, 23 and 25)]
TXT[Hoped that the representative of Yemen had misunderstood him;
he was not contradicting what the representative of Bulgaria had
said. In fact, the representative of Bulgaria had indicated that
he, too, had learned of the statement by the Minister of Trade on
the radio. What he (speaker) sought to stress was the importance of
that statement, if it was true.]

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SPKR[Kirsch] MS[Canada] FCT[Member] LANG[1]
ITEM[Foodstuffs and delivery of foodstuffs: Security Council
resolutions 661 (1990), paragraph 3 (c), and 666 (1990) (S/21810
and 21821; S/AC.25/1990/COMM.3, 12, 19, 20, 21, 23 and 25)]
TXT[Like the representative of Yemen, he took the appeals made to
the Committee by Governments very seriously. It appeared that
humanitarian considerations applied in the cases the Committee had
just heard and that assistance might be necessary. Yet the point
raised by the representative of the United Kingdom could not be
ignored. It was impossible for the Committee to proceed further
without confirmation of that information, which the Committee ought
to be able to obtain rapidly.]

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SPKR[Rasi] MS[Finland] FCT[Chairman] LANG[1]
ITEM[Foodstuffs and delivery of foodstuffs: Security Council
resolutions 661 (1990), paragraph 3 (c), and 666 (1990) (S/21810
and 21821; S/AC.25/1990/COMM.3, 12, 19, 20, 21, 23 and 25)]
TXT[Suggested that the Committee should seek clarification from the
Iraqi authorities regarding the issuance of ration cards.]

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SPKR[Goshu] MS[Ethiopia] FCT[Member] LANG[1]
ITEM[Foodstuffs and delivery of foodstuffs: Security Council
resolutions 661 (1990), paragraph 3 (c), and 666 (1990) (S/21810

and 21821; S/AC.25/1990/COMM.3, 12, 19, 20, 21, 23 and 25)]
TXT[Supported the suggestion of the chairman.]

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SPKR[Wilkinson] MS[United States] FCT[Member] LANG[1]
ITEM[Foodstuffs and delivery of foodstuffs: Security Council
resolutions 661 (1990), paragraph 3 (c), and 666 (1990) (S/21810
and 21821; S/AC.25/1990/COMM.3, 12, 19, 20, 21, 23 and 25)]
TXT[Allowing foreigners to purchase foodstuffs with ration cards
was a satisfactory solution in the case of small foreign
populations in Iraq. When necessary, the diplomatic officials of
the country concerned could provide financial assistance. However,
in the case of larger populations, such as the Sri Lankans, it did
not constitute an attractive alternative. In the mean time, the
Indian ship was known to contain 10,000 metric tons of food,
capable of feeding 150,000 people for four months. The main problem
associated with those foodstuffs was caused by an inadequate system
of distribution within Iraq, a problem which any other foreign ship
arriving in Iraq would probably face as well. The most urgent
question at present, then, was how to distribute the Indian food so
that people could be fed as quickly as possible.]

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SPKR[Rasi] MS[Finland] FCT[Chairman] LANG[1]
ITEM[Foodstuffs and delivery of foodstuffs: Security Council
resolutions 661 (1990), paragraph 3 (c), and 666 (1990) (S/21810
and 21821; S/AC.25/1990/COMM.3, 12, 19, 20, 21, 23 and 25)]
TXT[Would take it that the Committee wished to ascertain as
quickly as possible the accuracy of the information received
through different channels from Baghdad regarding the availability
of ration cards to foreigners in Iraq and Kuwait.]

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SPKR[Botero] MS[Colombia] FCT[Member] LANG[1]
ITEM[Foodstuffs and delivery of foodstuffs: Security Council
resolutions 661 (1990), paragraph 3 (c), and 666 (1990) (S/21810
and 21821; S/AC.25/1990/COMM.3, 12, 19, 20, 21, 23 and 25)]
TXT[Supported the Chairman's remarks but said that the case of Sri
Lanka was particularly serious. While the Committee waited for the
Iraqi authorities to confirm the availability of ration cards, Sri
Lankan women in Kuwait and Iraq would be waiting for food while
living in very difficult social conditions. Consequently the
Committee could not postpone a decision on that case.]

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SPKR[Al-Alfi] MS[Yemen] FCT[Member] LANG[1]
ITEM[Foodstuffs and delivery of foodstuffs: Security Council
resolutions 661 (1990), paragraph 3 (c), and 666 (1990) (S/21810
and 21821; S/AC.25/1990/COMM.3, 12, 19, 20, 21, 23 and 25)]
TXT[Did not disagree that the Committee should seek
clarification from the Iraqi authorities but pointed out that it
was quite possible that, for political reasons, the authorities
might say that foreigners would be treated on an equal footing with
Iraqi citizens even while continuing to say that foreigners

required assistance. In fact, food might not be available even to Iraqi citizens.]

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SPKR[Moreno Fernández] MS[Cuba] FCT[Member] LANG[1]

ITEM[Foodstuffs and delivery of foodstuffs: Security Council resolutions 661 (1990), paragraph 3 (c), and 666 (1990) (S/21810 and 21821; S/AC.25/1990/COMM.3, 12, 19, 20, 21, 23 and 25)]

TXT[The Committee was discussing two separate, unrelated issues: the provision by the Iraqi authorities of ration cards to foreigners and the right of nationals of third countries to receive humanitarian food assistance from their Governments. Whether or not foreigners were issued ration cards, the Committee must reply to the requests for assistance made by Governments.]

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

ITEM[Foodstuffs and delivery of foodstuffs: Security Council resolutions 661 (1990), paragraph 3 (c), and 666 (1990) (S/21810 and 21821; S/AC.25/1990/COMM.3, 12, 19, 20, 21, 23 and 25)]

TXT[The representative of Yemen had identified a major problem: the difficulty of establishing the accuracy of information coming from Iraq. The difficulty lay in the fact that there was no impartial arbiter in Iraq which could help the Committee reach a decision. In any event, he was not sure that the current impasse was intended by any party, even Iraq. Security Council resolution 666 (1990) called for information regarding the humanitarian need for foodstuffs and applied to Iraqi citizens as well as foreigners. It would thus be in the interest of all parties if the International Committee of the Red Cross or the United Nations could maintain a presence in Iraq.]

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

ITEM[Foodstuffs and delivery of foodstuffs: Security Council resolutions 661 (1990), paragraph 3 (c), and 666 (1990) (S/21810 and 21821; S/AC.25/1990/COMM.3, 12, 19, 20, 21, 23 and 25)]

TXT[Drew attention in that connection to a letter dated 11 September 1990 from the Secretary-General addressed to the Chairman of the Committee (S/AC.25/1990/COMM.13), in which the Secretary-General had indicated his readiness to ask the Iraqi authorities to co-operate in establishing an adequate international presence in Iraq and Kuwait to ascertain whether essential foodstuffs were reaching vulnerable groups.]

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SPKR[Redzuan] MS[Malaysia] FCT[Member] LANG[1]

ITEM[Foodstuffs and delivery of foodstuffs: Security Council resolutions 661 (1990), paragraph 3 (c), and 666 (1990) (S/21810 and 21821; S/AC.25/1990/COMM.3, 12, 19, 20, 21, 23 and 25)]

TXT[The Secretary-General's letter clearly indicated that "humanitarian circumstances" did apply in relation to Asian workers remaining in Iraq and Kuwait. Moreover, the Chairman had stated previously that applications by individual countries would be given

speedy consideration, and the Committee was still obligated to do so. In a plenary meeting of the Security Council, the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Malaysia had expressed concern at the delays in the consideration of requests for assistance and had urged that there should be no political impediment to such hearings. Yet the Committee had reached a point where it was unable to act, but repeatedly sought additional information. Consequently, his delegation did not wish to be associated in the future with the Committee's inability to reach a decision.]

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SPKR[Moreno Fernández] MS[Cuba] FCT[Member] LANG[1]

ITEM[Foodstuffs and delivery of foodstuffs: Security Council resolutions 661 (1990), paragraph 3 (c), and 666 (1990) (S/21810 and 21821; S/AC.25/1990/COMM.3, 12, 19, 20, 21, 23 and 25)]

TXT[The Committee seemed condemned to inaction by the fact that Iraq refused to let humanitarian organizations or the United Nations enter the country and the fact that the Committee itself lacked the will to provide assistance to foreign nationals in Iraq until their needs had been confirmed by humanitarian organizations. Given that impasse, he supported the statement made by the representative of Malaysia: his delegation did not wish to bear any responsibility for the death of thousands of people.]

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

ITEM[Foodstuffs and delivery of foodstuffs: Security Council resolutions 661 (1990), paragraph 3 (c), and 666 (1990) (S/21810 and 21821; S/AC.25/1990/COMM.3, 12, 19, 20, 21, 23 and 25)]

TXT[Was dismayed at the insinuation that the Committee was failing to respond to the concerns of Sri Lanka or other countries whose nationals remained in Iraq and Kuwait. The fact was that 10,000 metric tons of food lay at Umm Qasr port, only a few miles from the needy populations. The other ports to which foreign vessels might be dispatched were far from those people, and those vessels would be bringing in only a few hundred additional tons of foodstuffs. The most urgent need then, was the distribution to the Asian populations in Iraq and Kuwait of the food provided by the Indian Government. It was the Committee that had taken the decision that had allowed that food to reach Iraq; the delay in the delivery of those foodstuffs arose from problems of internal distribution.]

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SPKR[Kirsch] MS[Canada] FCT[Member] LANG[1]

ITEM[Foodstuffs and delivery of foodstuffs: Security Council resolutions 661 (1990), paragraph 3 (c), and 666 (1990) (S/21810 and 21821; S/AC.25/1990/COMM.3, 12, 19, 20, 21, 23 and 25)]

TXT[Did not share the pessimism of some other delegations. There were ways of ensuring that the foodstuffs reached their intended beneficiaries, and the Committee ought to be able to reach a decision in a few days, although it should not overlook the fact that certain necessary information was lacking. It was now rather urgent that the Permanent Representative of India should report to the Committee on the delivery of foodstuffs by his country in Iraq, particularly since it was clear from some of the statements made

earlier that the Governments of countries with refugees in Iraq did not even know how their people would receive that food. However, he did not mean to imply that such a report was a prerequisite for a decision by the Committee.]

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SPKR[Al-Alfi] MS[Yemen] FCT[Member] LANG[1]

ITEM[Foodstuffs and delivery of foodstuffs: Security Council resolutions 661 (1990), paragraph 3 (c), and 666 (1990) (S/21810 and 21821; S/AC.25/1990/COMM.3, 12, 19, 20, 21, 23 and 25)]

TXT[If verbatim records of previous meetings had existed, he would have read out the statements by certain members concerning the Indian foodstuffs which appeared to contradict what they were saying at the current meeting. Although the Indian Government offered to share its foodstuffs, it was not the responsibility of the Indian Government to ensure that the needs of foreign nationals in Iraq were met. That responsibility lay with the Committee and the Governments of the countries from which those individuals came. The representatives of Bulgaria, Sri Lanka and Viet Nam had appeared before the Committee not in order to provide false information, but in order to inform the Committee of the problems their nationals faced in Iraq. If the Iraqi Government distributed ration cards and there was no food in the country, who would feed the third-country nationals there?]

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SPKR[Al-Alfi] MS[Yemen] FCT[Member] LANG[1]

ITEM[Foodstuffs and delivery of foodstuffs: Security Council resolutions 661 (1990), paragraph 3 (c), and 666 (1990) (S/21810 and 21821; S/AC.25/1990/COMM.3, 12, 19, 20, 21, 23 and 25)]

TXT[The problem should not be passed on to the Indian Government; however, if the Committee wished to do so, it should be honest about its decision and not resort to subterfuges or ruses. Like the representative of Malaysia, his delegation did not wish to be a party to a decision that would inflict hunger on the nationals of third countries in Iraq.]

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

ITEM[Foodstuffs and delivery of foodstuffs: Security Council resolutions 661 (1990), paragraph 3 (c), and 666 (1990) (S/21810 and 21821; S/AC.25/1990/COMM.3, 12, 19, 20, 21, 23 and 25)]

TXT[The Committee appeared to have moved from a discussion of Bulgaria's request to a consideration of the issue in general. He was concerned that the Iraqi authorities might soon change their position, and agreed that more information was required; in particular, whether the Iraqi authorities had agreed to issue ration cards to everyone, including foreigners, and whether foreigners would be required to pay for the cards. Some foreign nationals were in severe economic straits and it had become difficult to remit money to Iraq. The representative of Sri Lanka had been uncertain about the arrangements for the distribution of the food which India had generously offered to share with Sri Lankan nationals, and information was also needed on that matter.]

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

ITEM[Foodstuffs and delivery of foodstuffs: Security Council resolutions 661 (1990), paragraph 3 (c), and 666 (1990) (S/21810 and 21821; S/AC.25/1990/COMM.3, 12, 19, 20, 21, 23 and 25)]

TXT[It was also necessary to ascertain the time needed for the vessels to reach Iraq and for the loading and off-loading of the food. It was also important, however, for the Committee to attend to urgent problems, such as that posed by the Sri Lankan nationals, before waiting for all the information to be received.]

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SPKR[Delon] MS[France] FCT[Member] LANG[1]

ITEM[Foodstuffs and delivery of foodstuffs: Security Council resolutions 661 (1990), paragraph 3 (c), and 666 (1990) (S/21810 and 21821; S/AC.25/1990/COMM.3, 12, 19, 20, 21, 23 and 25)]

TXT[Iraq, and not the Committee, should be held responsible for the plight of foreign nationals stranded in the region. His delegation shared the views expressed by Canada and urged the Committee to reach a swift decision on urgent matters, particularly the question of the Asian nationals. In their statements the representatives of Viet Nam and Sri Lanka had eloquently illustrated the plight of their nationals, but he had been disappointed by the lack of detail provided by the representative of Sri Lanka, particularly with regard to possible contacts between his country and the Government of India concerning the distribution of the Indian food. He had been surprised to learn that it would take some weeks for the food, already at Umm Qasr port in Iraq,]

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SPKR[Delon] MS[France] FCT[Member] LANG[1]

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TXT[to reach the Sri Lankan nationals, and that it would in fact be quicker for food to be sent directly from Sri Lanka. It was clear that more information was urgently needed in order for the Committee to be able to take prompt action. The Committee had already been informed by India that some of the Indian foodstuffs would be made available to other Asian nationals, and he questioned the advisability of authorizing vessels to sail from Sri Lanka and Viet Nam with foodstuffs that might not reach their intended recipients.]

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SPKR[Kalkku] MS[Finland] FCT[Member] LANG[1]

ITEM[Foodstuffs and delivery of foodstuffs: Security Council resolutions 661 (1990), paragraph 3 (c), and 666 (1990) (S/21810 and 21821; S/AC.25/1990/COMM.3, 12, 19, 20, 21, 23 and 25)]

TXT[Her delegation supported the Canadian proposal, in view of India's offer to share its foodstuffs with other Asian nationals and the fact that the Indian ship had already arrived and unloaded its cargo, which was ready for distribution. As the necessary information could only be fully provided by the Indian authorities,

she suggested that the Indian representative should be invited to address the Committee as a matter of urgency. The availability of the Indian food did not mean, however, that further shipments would not be necessary, as there were very large numbers of stranded foreign nationals in the area, and there might be problems with distribution of the food.]

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SPKR[Goshu] MS[Ethiopia] FCT[Member] LANG[1]

ITEM[Foodstuffs and delivery of foodstuffs: Security Council resolutions 661 (1990), paragraph 3 (c), and 666 (1990) (S/21810 and 21821; S/AC.25/1990/COMM.3, 12, 19, 20, 21, 23 and 25)]

TXT[Further information was required for the Committee's decisions. The decision to grant India's request to send a ship had been based on the information provided by the Permanent Representative of India, confirmed by the Secretary-General in his letter (S/AC.25/1990/COMM.13), attesting to the humanitarian circumstances justifying the request. The Committee should take steps to verify as swiftly as possible the announcement by the Iraqi Ministry of Trade that food would be provided to nationals of third countries and should then meet to take its decision. He believed that, without such information, the Committee's deliberations could lead nowhere and he suggested that the Chairman should summarize the discussions held thus far.]

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SPKR[Rasi] MS[Finland] FCT[Chairman] LANG[1]

ITEM[Foodstuffs and delivery of foodstuffs: Security Council resolutions 661 (1990), paragraph 3 (c), and 666 (1990) (S/21810 and 21821; S/AC.25/1990/COMM.3, 12, 19, 20, 21, 23 and 25)]

TXT[In her discussions earlier in the day with the Permanent Representative of India concerning the unloading and distribution of the Indian cargo of foodstuffs, the Permanent Representative had said that he was awaiting further information from New Delhi. It was advisable, therefore, to wait for that information before inviting him to address the Committee, but she would ask him to seek the information as expeditiously as possible, if that was the wish of the Committee. In summarizing the Committee's decisions, she said that the Committee's deliberations had moved from the Bulgarian request to a general consideration of the Asian nationals. As she understood it, the Committee wished to seek clarification from the Iraqi authorities concerning the distribution of foodstuffs to foreigners through ration cards.]

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SPKR[Rasi] MS[Finland] FCT[Chairman] LANG[1]

ITEM[Foodstuffs and delivery of foodstuffs: Security Council resolutions 661 (1990), paragraph 3 (c), and 666 (1990) (S/21810 and 21821; S/AC.25/1990/COMM.3, 12, 19, 20, 21, 23 and 25)]

TXT[The information could be requested from the Iraqi authorities at the United Nations or through foreign embassies in Baghdad. Information was required from the Indian authorities on such matters as how much food was available, how long supplies would last, and what quantities were available for other nationals, to give the Committee a basis for its decisions regarding the citizens

of other Asian countries. The question of evacuation procedures was also linked to that of foodstuffs, as it directly affected the number of stranded nationals who would require food assistance.]

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SPKR[Castaño] MS[Colombia] FCT[Member] LANG[1]

ITEM[Foodstuffs and delivery of foodstuffs: Security Council resolutions 661 (1990), paragraph 3 (c), and 666 (1990) (S/21810 and 21821; S/AC.25/1990/COMM.3, 12, 19, 20, 21, 23 and 25)]

TXT[Her delegation agreed with the Chairman's suggestion. Bearing in mind the views put forward by other delegations, however, she proposed that the Committee should set a deadline for the submission of information, as an urgent response was required for certain cases, such as that of Sri Lanka. The situation in Iraq made it unlikely that much surplus food would remain from the Indian shipment for distribution to other Asian nationals, and the Committee should therefore act on the information available when the deadline was reached. In the mean time, the Committee could confer with the Iraqi authorities and foreign embassies and thereby satisfy the concerns of all delegations.]

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SPKR[Al-Alfi] MS[Yemen] FCT[Member] LANG[1]

ITEM[Foodstuffs and delivery of foodstuffs: Security Council resolutions 661 (1990), paragraph 3 (c), and 666 (1990) (S/21810 and 21821; S/AC.25/1990/COMM.3, 12, 19, 20, 21, 23 and 25)]

TXT[His delegation also agreed with the Chairman's suggestion, and supported the Colombian proposal for a deadline. The inquiry to the Iraqi Government should include the question, raised earlier in the meeting by China, of whether foreign nationals would have to pay for the ration cards. Many foreign citizens, in particular the Sri Lankans, were financially distressed and the ration cards would be of no use if they were required to pay for them.]

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SPKR[Moreno Fernández] MS[Cuba] FCT[Member] LANG[1]

ITEM[Foodstuffs and delivery of foodstuffs: Security Council resolutions 661 (1990), paragraph 3 (c), and 666 (1990) (S/21810 and 21821; S/AC.25/1990/COMM.3, 12, 19, 20, 21, 23 and 25)]

TXT[His delegation supported the Colombian proposal for a deadline, but he stressed the importance of strict adherence to the deadline, in view of the extreme urgency of the matter.]

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CAT[661] MTG[15] DATE[10/3/90] TYPE[Intervention]

SPKR[Lozinskiy] MS[Soviet Union] FCT[Member] LANG[1]

ITEM[Foodstuffs and delivery of foodstuffs: Security Council resolutions 661 (1990), paragraph 3 (c), and 666 (1990) (S/21810 and 21821; S/AC.25/1990/COMM.3, 12, 19, 20, 21, 23 and 25)]

TXT[The USSR concurred with views expressed at the meeting about the urgent need for information regarding the distribution of food to foreign nationals, especially Asians, whose plight was exacerbated by their dire financial circumstances. It would assist the Committee to obtain a full picture of the situation if the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Humanitarian

Affairs could co-ordinate information obtained from foreign Governments, embassies in the region and other sources, thereby enabling the Committee to reach a prompt decision on urgent matters, such as the requests already submitted by Viet Nam and Sri Lanka.]

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

ITEM[Foodstuffs and delivery of foodstuffs: Security Council resolutions 661 (1990), paragraph 3 (c), and 666 (1990) (S/21810 and 21821; S/AC.25/1990/COMM.3, 12, 19, 20, 21, 23 and 25)]

TXT[Supported the proposal to seek information through the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs, and to obtain information regarding the ration cards; he also supported the Colombian proposal for a deadline on such information. He noted, however, that the issue of ration cards principally concerned the Bulgarians and was not of great relevance to the Asian nationals, who constituted large populations with very little money and were unable to deal through the normal market. As he recalled, the Indian ship had carried sufficient food for 170,000 Indian nationals.]

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

ITEM[Foodstuffs and delivery of foodstuffs: Security Council resolutions 661 (1990), paragraph 3 (c), and 666 (1990) (S/21810 and 21821; S/AC.25/1990/COMM.3, 12, 19, 20, 21, 23 and 25)]

TXT[The commendable evacuation measures implemented by India, however, had reduced their population in the area from 180,000 to 100,000, thus creating the surplus of food. The food supplies were at Umm Qasr port near the border with Kuwait, a few miles distant from the stranded foreign nationals, and mechanisms to distribute that food to the Asian populations should be implemented immediately, without waiting for further information.]

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SPKR[Rasi] MS[Finland] FCT[Chairman] LANG[1]

ITEM[Foodstuffs and delivery of foodstuffs: Security Council resolutions 661 (1990), paragraph 3 (c), and 666 (1990) (S/21810 and 21821; S/AC.25/1990/COMM.3, 12, 19, 20, 21, 23 and 25)]

TXT[While she warmed to the general idea of a deadline, she was hesitant about imposing a specific date in view of the possible delay in receiving information from India. She therefore proposed that the Committee should reconsider the issue of a deadline when it had received that information. In the mean time, information could be sought from the Iraqi authorities and through United Nations channels regarding the question of ration cards.]

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

ITEM[Foodstuffs and delivery of foodstuffs: Security Council resolutions 661 (1990), paragraph 3 (c), and 666 (1990) (S/21810 and 21821; S/AC.25/1990/COMM.3, 12, 19, 20, 21, 23 and 25)]

TXT[The important question of evacuation should also be included in

discussions with the Special Representative for Humanitarian Affairs and with the International Organization for Migration (IOM).]

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SPKR[Rasi] MS[Finland] FCT[Chairman] LANG[1]

ITEM[Foodstuffs and delivery of foodstuffs: Security Council resolutions 661 (1990), paragraph 3 (c), and 666 (1990) (S/21810 and 21821; S/AC.25/1990/COMM.3, 12, 19, 20, 21, 23 and 25)]

TXT[The issue of evacuation was, indeed, closely linked to that of foodstuffs, as she had noted in her summary of the discussion earlier in the meeting. She would take it, if she heard no objection, that the Committee wished to continue its discussion of the matter early in the following week. It was so decided.]

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CAT[661] MTG[15] DATE[10/3/90] TYPE[Procedure]

SPKR[Rasi] MS[Finland] FCT[Chairman] LANG[1]

ITEM[Consultations under Article 50 of the Charter]

TXT[The Committee, at its 14th meeting, had decided, in principle, to set up a working group to study the cases pending under Article 50 of the Charter and to advise the Committee on appropriate action. Further consultations were still required on the chairmanship, but, if she heard no objection, she would take it that the Committee wished to establish the working group. It was so decided.]

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CAT[661] MTG[15] DATE[10/3/90] TYPE[Procedure]

SPKR[Rasi] MS[Finland] FCT[Chairman] LANG[1]

ITEM[Consultations under Article 50 of the Charter]

TXT[Drew attention to a letter from Czechoslovakia dated 2 October 1990 (S/21837) regarding Article 50 of the Charter.]

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CAT[661] MTG[15] DATE[10/3/90] TYPE[Procedure]

SPKR[Rasi] MS[Finland] FCT[Chairman] LANG[1]

ITEM[Implementation of resolution 670 (1990)]

TXT[The draft standard reply to requests for the Committee's authorization of flights under resolution 670 (1990) had not proved acceptable to all members of the Committee. She suggested, therefore, that responsibility to ensure compliance with the resolution should rest with States from which aircraft were departing or whose territory they were traversing, in terms of paragraph 3 of resolution 670 (1990), and that a general letter would therefore not be necessary. The Committee would consider requests for authorization on a case-by-case basis.]

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SPKR[Castaño] MS[Colombia] FCT[Member] LANG[1]

ITEM[Implementation of resolution 670 (1990)]

TXT[As she recalled it, the Committee had agreed at its previous meeting that there was no need to consider each case separately. Colombia did not believe that every flight needed to be considered by the Committee, as the number of cases would place an insupportable burden on the Committee. India had requested

authorization for 10 flights per day to evacuate its nationals, Turkey had requested that each aircraft overflying its territory should land for the purposes of inspection, Brazil and Morocco had submitted requests, and it was impracticable for the Committee to attend to each request individually. She believed, therefore, that the views expressed at the previous meeting should be further discussed in order to facilitate the Committee's work.]

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SPKR[Kirsch] MS[Canada] FCT[Member] LANG[1]

ITEM[Implementation of resolution 670 (1990)]

TXT[It was difficult to formulate model rules in the abstract. He therefore believed that the Committee should consider the first specific cases, from which parameters for future action could be derived and rules developed for dealing with requests from other countries. It would save time if the Committee considered those first cases on their individual merits and then authorized the Chairman to decide on subsequent cases.]

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SPKR[Rasi] MS[Finland] FCT[Chairman] LANG[1]

ITEM[Implementation of resolution 670 (1990)]

TXT[If the Committee proceeded with consideration of a specific case, it could perhaps begin to establish a pattern for dealing with cases such as the Indian one in the future. She therefore drew attention to document S/AC.25/1990/COMM.28, which contained the text of a letter dated 28 September 1990 from the Permanent Representative of India addressed to her.]

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CAT[661] MTG[15] DATE[10/3/90] TYPE[Intervention]

SPKR[Kirsch] MS[Canada] FCT[Member] LANG[1]

ITEM[Implementation of resolution 670 (1990)]

TXT[Wished first of all to express his delegation's concern at the plight of Indian nationals stranded in Iraq and Kuwait. Canada viewed favourably steps taken by countries to evacuate their stranded nationals from Iraq and Kuwait. In particular, it approved of the action taken by India to evacuate its nationals. Canada was in favour of evacuation - both for humanitarian reasons and so as to ensure implementation of the relevant Security Council resolutions. It was clear that India wished to avoid procedures connected with the landing of the aircraft in Turkey. Canada was in favour of the most expeditious procedures possible, which would of course mean that there would be a departure from normal procedures.]

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SPKR[Kirsch] MS[Canada] FCT[Member] LANG[1]

ITEM[Implementation of resolution 670 (1990)]

TXT[If the Committee once again approved quicker procedures for the flights in question, which Canada would welcome, it should probably establish alternative modes of inspection in order to ensure that, as a general principle, States fulfilled their obligations under the relevant resolutions. India was apparently objecting not to the inspection of its aircraft as such but, rather, to the length of

time that such procedures would take in Turkey. India was proposing an easy way of dealing with the issue, namely, by providing for inspection upon take-off from and landing in India, under the auspices of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), the local United Nations authorities or some other non-Indian organization.]

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CAT[661] MTG[15] DATE[10/3/90] TYPE[Intervention]
SPKR[Lozinskiy] MS[Soviet Union] FCT[Member] LANG[1]
ITEM[Implementation of resolution 670 (1990)]
TXT[His delegation supported the proposal made by the representative of Canada.]

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SPKR[Al-Alfi] MS[Yemen] FCT[Member] LANG[1]
ITEM[Implementation of resolution 670 (1990)]
TXT[His delegation did not disagree with the proposal just made by Canada. However, he would appreciate clarification of whether the proposal concerned only the Indian flights under consideration, since those flights involved air force aircraft, not civilian aircraft. He wished to ascertain that the proposal would not apply to civilian airliners carrying passengers on scheduled flights.]

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SPKR[Kirsch] MS[Canada] FCT[Member] LANG[1]
ITEM[Implementation of resolution 670 (1990)]
TXT[His delegation's general objective was simply to attempt to reconcile the desire of India for speedy mechanisms - and the desire of other States that might wish to follow the same more expeditious procedures - with the general requirements of inspection laid down in Security Council resolution 670 (1990). Paragraph 4 (a) of that resolution did not seem to distinguish between military and civilian aircraft and thus seemed to apply to all aircraft. At the current stage he was referring only to the Indian issue. A model for use in the future would develop in due course.]

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SPKR[Rasi] MS[Finland] FCT[Chairman] LANG[1]
ITEM[Implementation of resolution 670 (1990)]
TXT[Also was of the view that the resolution concerned all aircraft, both military and civilian.]

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SPKR[Kalkku] MS[Finland] FCT[Member] LANG[1]
ITEM[Implementation of resolution 670 (1990)]
TXT[Asked how long the flights in question would continue and how many flights would be involved.]

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SPKR[Rasi] MS[Finland] FCT[Chairman] LANG[1]
ITEM[Implementation of resolution 670 (1990)]

TXT[The Indian delegation could be requested to answer Finland's question.]

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SPKR[Rasi] MS[Finland] FCT[Chairman] LANG[1]

ITEM[Implementation of resolution 670 (1990)]

TXT[If she heard no objection, she would take it that the Committee wished to approve the request by India, on the understanding that impartial inspection would be provided so as to ensure that the flights in question did not engage in any activities contrary to the provisions of resolution 661 (1990) and that such inspection might be carried out by representatives of the ICRC or the United Nations. It was so decided.]

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SPKR[Rasi] MS[Finland] FCT[Chairman] LANG[1]

ITEM[Implementation of resolution 670 (1990)]

TXT[Would inform the Permanent Representative of India accordingly. She would also send appropriate letters to the Permanent Representatives of Pakistan, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Turkey informing them of the Committee's decision. She now wished to draw attention to document S/AC.25/1990/COMM.26, which contained a letter dated 27 September 1990 from the Director General of the International Organization for Migration addressed to her.]

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

ITEM[Implementation of resolution 670 (1990)]

TXT[Took part in a procedural discussion.]

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

ITEM[Implementation of resolution 670 (1990)]

TXT[Took part in a procedural discussion.]

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CAT[661] MTG[15] DATE[10/3/90] TYPE[Procedure]

SPKR[Lozinskiy] MS[Soviet Union] FCT[Member] LANG[1]

ITEM[Implementation of resolution 670 (1990)]

TXT[Took part in a procedural discussion.]

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SPKR[Delon] MS[France] FCT[Member] LANG[1]

ITEM[Implementation of resolution 670 (1990)]

TXT[Took part in a procedural discussion.]

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CAT[661] MTG[15] DATE[10/3/90] TYPE[Procedure]

SPKR[Castaño] MS[Colombia] FCT[Member] LANG[1]

ITEM[Implementation of resolution 670 (1990)]

TXT[Took part in a procedural discussion.]

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CAT[661] MTG[15] DATE[10/3/90] TYPE[Procedure]

SPKR[Rasi] MS[Finland] FCT[Chairman] LANG[1]

ITEM[Implementation of resolution 670 (1990)]

TXT[If she heard no objection, she would take it that the Committee wished her to transmit the letter from the Director General to the Legal Counsel, requesting him to prepare a draft reply for consideration by the Committee. It was so decided.]

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CAT[661] MTG[15] DATE[10/3/90] TYPE[Procedure]

SPKR[Rasi] MS[Finland] FCT[Chairman] LANG[1]

ITEM[Implementation of resolution 670 (1990)]

TXT[Drew attention to document S/AC.25/1990/COMM.30, which contained the text of a letter dated 2 October 1990 from the Permanent Representative of the Philippines addressed to her.]

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CAT[661] MTG[15] DATE[10/3/90] TYPE[Intervention]

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

ITEM[Implementation of resolution 670 (1990)]

TXT[The letter from the Permanent Representative of the Philippines seemed to show a slight misunderstanding of resolution 670 (1990). Perhaps the Philippines was in fact requesting approval for evacuation flights under paragraph 4 (b) of the resolution, as in the case of the Indian request just dealt with by the Committee. Perhaps the Legal Counsel should be requested to provide a draft reply covering the particular points raised in the letter, which could then be circulated to Committee members prior to the following meeting, for consideration by them.]

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SPKR[Delon] MS[France] FCT[Member] LANG[1]

ITEM[Implementation of resolution 670 (1990)]

TXT[Supported the United Kingdom proposal that the Secretariat should be requested to prepare a draft reply for consideration by the Committee.]

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CAT[661] MTG[15] DATE[10/3/90] TYPE[Intervention]

SPKR[Florescu] MS[Romania] FCT[Member] LANG[1]

ITEM[Implementation of resolution 670 (1990)]

TXT[Wished to suggest that the Committee should circulate notifications under paragraph 6 of resolution 670 (1990) in Committee documents.]

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SPKR[Rasi] MS[Finland] FCT[Chairman] LANG[1]

ITEM[Implementation of resolution 670 (1990)]

TXT[If she heard no objection, she would take it that the Committee wished her to transmit the letter from the Permanent Representative of the Philippines to the Legal Counsel, requesting him to prepare a draft reply to the letter for consideration by the Committee. It was so decided.]

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CAT[661] MTG[15] DATE[10/3/90] TYPE[Procedure]
SPKR[Rasi] MS[Finland] FCT[Chairman] LANG[1]
ITEM[Implementation of resolution 670 (1990)]
TXT[In view of the reports of flights about which the Committee had not been notified, she wished to suggest that the Committee should authorize her to request the Secretary-General to send a letter to all States reminding them of their obligations under resolution 670 (1990). If she heard no objection, she would take it that the Committee wished her to do so. It was so decided.]

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SPKR[Rasi] MS[Finland] FCT[Chairman] LANG[1]
ITEM[Implementation of resolution 670 (1990)]
TXT[Drew attention to document S/AC.25/1990/COMM.31, which contained the text of a letter dated 20 September 1990 from the Permanent Representative of Australia addressed to her. She wished to suggest that the Permanent Representative of Australia should be informed that the Committee had not adopted general guidelines with regard to resolution 666 (1990) and examined requests on a case-by-case basis. Whenever the interests of other States were involved, it was the Committee's policy duly to inform the States concerned.]

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CAT[661] MTG[15] DATE[10/3/90] TYPE[Intervention]
SPKR[Graham] MS[United States] FCT[Member] LANG[1]
ITEM[Implementation of resolution 670 (1990)]
TXT[Had absolutely no objection to the Chairman's suggestion. However, there was another matter to which the letter might possibly refer. When the Committee approved such shipments in the future, it might be appropriate for Committee members, either before approval was given or at the time when approval was given, to work out a way of signalling the Committee's approval to States that maintained a military presence in the region and whose military personnel might have contact with the ships in question.]

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SPKR[Rasi] MS[Finland] FCT[Chairman] LANG[1]
ITEM[Implementation of resolution 670 (1990)]
TXT[Was prepared to accept the United States interpretation of the letter. She agreed that in future cases it would be important to inform all possible interested parties. If she heard no objection, she would take it that the Committee endorsed her suggestion, as amended by the United States. It was so decided.]

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SPKR[Rasi] MS[Finland] FCT[Chairman] LANG[1]
ITEM[Implementation of resolution 670 (1990)]
TXT[Drew attention to document S/AC.25/1990/NOTE/18, which contained the English text of a reply from the Legal Counsel to the first question contained in the letter dated 29 August 1990 from the Permanent Representative of Yemen to the United Nations addressed to her. Owing to the length of the reply, translations would be provided the following day.]

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SPKR[Delon] MS[France] FCT[Member] LANG[1]
ITEM[Implementation of resolution 670 (1990)]
TXT[Proposed that consideration of the document before the
Committee should be deferred to a later meeting.]

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SPKR[Rasi] MS[Finland] FCT[Chairman] LANG[1]
ITEM[Implementation of resolution 670 (1990)]
TXT[If she heard no objection, she would take it that the Committee
wished to defer consideration of the text before it to a later
meeting. It was so decided.]

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CAT[661] MTG[15] DATE[10/3/90] TYPE[Intervention]
SPKR[Graham] MS[United States] FCT[Member] LANG[1]
ITEM[Other matters]
TXT[His delegation had noted with some dismay press reports, that
appeared to have been confirmed, that voluntary organizations in
Jordan had sent humanitarian food shipments across the border
between Jordan and Iraq into Iraq. The organizations in question
had reportedly done so after the date of the adoption of resolution
666 (1990). The United States noted with some further consternation
that there were reports that certain Jordanian entities might be
planning another such shipment. In view of those reports, it might
be appropriate for the Committee, perhaps through its Chairman, to
seek information on and obtain clarification of the matter from the
Jordanian Government. He believed that the Jordanian Government was
responsible, under a decision taken by the Committee, for actions
taken by Jordanian non-governmental organizations.]

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SPKR[Graham] MS[United States] FCT[Member] LANG[1]
ITEM[Other matters]
TXT[The Committee might, in particular, wish to seek information
concerning any future plans of the non-governmental organizations
or the Jordanian Government to channel requests regarding such
operations through the Committee.]

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CAT[661] MTG[15] DATE[10/3/90] TYPE[Intervention]
SPKR[Al-Alfi] MS[Yemen] FCT[Member] LANG[1]
ITEM[Other matters]
TXT[Committee members must be given an opportunity to see the press
reports in question before they considered authorizing the Chairman
to contact the Jordanian authorities as proposed by the United
States.]

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CAT[661] MTG[15] DATE[10/3/90] TYPE[Intervention]
SPKR[Moreno Fernández] MS[Cuba] FCT[Member] LANG[1]
ITEM[Other matters]
TXT[Supported Mr. Al-Alfi of Yemen that Committee members must be
given an opportunity to see the press reports in question before
they considered authorizing the Chairman to contact the Jordanian

authorities as proposed by the United State]

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

ITEM[Other matters]

TXT[Would be happy to provide the Chairman with all the information he had on the subject the following day. His delegation had raised the matter simply so that the Committee might consider whether it wished to request clarification of the matter. He was not in a position to make any statement regarding the confirmed veracity of the reports at the current stage, although the reports in question had appeared in numerous newspapers around the world.]

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SPKR[Rasi] MS[Finland] FCT[Chairman] LANG[1]

ITEM[Other matters]

TXT[Once she had received the information in question from the United States delegation she would circulate copies to Committee members without delay.]