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

ITEM[Adoption of the agenda]

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Review of the implementation of Security Council resolution 661 (1990)

Consultations under Article 50 of the Charter of the United Nations Implementation of Security Council resolution 670 (1990)

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

Other matters

The agenda was adopted.]

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ITEM[Review of the implementation of Security Council resolution 661 (1990)]

TXT[Since the previous meeting, an additional reply had been received from Cook Islands, transmitted by New Zealand (S/21924), in connection with the Secretary-General's note verbale of 8 August 1990 and his reminder of 27 August 1990. She noted that 39 Member States and six non-Member States had still not replied to the Secretary-General's note verbale of 8 August 1990 and his reminder of 27 August 1990. Twenty-six additional replies to the questionnaire had been received, from Uruguay, Indonesia, Ecuador, Yugoslavia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Mauritania, India, Poland, the Netherlands, Botswana, Bulgaria, Brazil, Norway, Bolivia, Peru, Turkey, the Byelorussian SSR, Singapore, Romania, Iceland, Morocco and Senegal, contained in documents S/AC.25/1990/51 to 60, respectively, and the Holy See (S/21973).]

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

ITEM[Review of the implementation of Security Council resolution 661 (1990)]

TXT[Suggested that the Committee should request the Secretary-General to send further reminders requesting States to submit their replies. It was so decided.]

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

ITEM[Review of the implementation of Security Council resolution 661 (1990)]

TXT[The Secretary-General would be dispatching Mr. James Ngobi, Chief of the Security Council Practices and Charter Research Section to Jordan in response to the Government's invitation to visit the Jordanian-Iraqi border at Ruweished in order to monitor its compliance with Security Council resolution 661 (1990). A report on the mission would be submitted to the Secretary-General in due course.]

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

ITEM[Consultations under Article 50 of the Charter]
TXT[Drew attention to a letter dated 22 October 1990 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/21938) concerning the problems faced by Jordan, in which he stated that he was appealing to all Member States and was calling on the organs of the United Nations system to provide assistance to Jordan to mitigate the consequences of its difficulties as a result of the crisis.]

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SPKR[Kirsch] MS[Canada] FCT[Member] LANG[1]
ITEM[Consultations under Article 50 of the Charter]
TXT[The Working Group had adopted recommendations in respect of Bulgaria, Tunisia, Romania and India, and would make them available shortly. With regard to Bulgaria, the Committee should note that the Working Group had adjusted its original draft decision for the sake of consistency in its recommendations. The draft decisions in respect of those four countries were commended to the Committee under the cover of document S/AC.25/1990/WG.8/Rev.2. Annex I to that document, concerning losses and additional costs arising from the carrying out of Security Council resolution 661 (1990), might serve as a general framework for transmitting observations on specific requests under Article 50.]

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SPKR[Kirsch] MS[Canada] FCT[Member] LANG[1]
ITEM[Consultations under Article 50 of the Charter]
TXT[The Working Group was preparing draft decisions in respect of the Philippines and Lebanon, and would soon take up the cases of Yugoslavia, Sri Lanka and Yemen. All the countries concerned had chosen to make oral presentations to the Working Group. He noted that the Committee would in due course endorse the Working Group's recommendations and approve their transmittal to the President of the Security Council and to the Secretary-General.]

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SPKR[Al-Alfi] MS[Yemen] FCT[Member] LANG[1]
ITEM[Consultations under Article 50 of the Charter]
TXT[Expressed his appreciation of the endeavours of the Working Group's Chairman.]

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SPKR[Floreaan] MS[Romania] FCT[Member] LANG[1]
ITEM[Consultations under Article 50 of the Charter]
TXT[Expressed his appreciation of the endeavours of the Working Group's Chairman.]

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SPKR[Rasi] MS[Finland] FCT[Chairman] LANG[1]
ITEM[Consultations under Article 50 of the Charter]
TXT[Would take it that the Committee wished to take a decision on the Working Group's recommendations at a later date. It was so decided.]

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

ITEM[Implementation of Security Council resolution 670 (1990)]

TXT[In accordance with a decision taken by the Committee, she had addressed a letter to the Secretary-General requesting that the attention of States should be drawn to their obligations under Security Council resolution 670 (1990), paragraphs 3, 4 and 6. Communications had been received from Switzerland, the Federal Republic of Germany and Nicaragua and were contained in documents S/AC.25/1990/33, 50 and 57, respectively. The Chairman noted that a report was outstanding from one of two States to which the Committee had sent reminders to submit reports on flights undertaken. Reports had been received from the International Organization for Migration, Denmark and Sri Lanka, and were contained in documents S/AC.25/1990/COMM.87, 100, 107 and 116, respectively.]

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

TXT[Drew attention to a letter which she had sent to the Permanent Representative of India (S/AC.25/1990/NOTE/50), in which an appeal had been made to the Government of India to leave behind in storage, for eventual distribution in Iraq and Kuwait, the surplus of the food sent by ship to meet the needs of Indian nationals. The Government of India had stated its agreement in principle, and was requesting the Indian Red Cross to monitor the distribution of the foodstuffs, as the Committee had also requested.]

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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)]

TXT[Asked whether the Government of India could update the Committee by advising it of its plans for unloading the shipment and for dealing with requests it might receive for the distribution of foodstuffs.]

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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)]

TXT[The Committee should consider the long-standing request by the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations that Palestinians in Kuwait should be included in any distribution of foodstuffs.]

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

TXT[Would endeavour to obtain all relevant information concerning the foodstuffs left in storage on the Indian ship before the Committee's next meeting. However, it was her understanding that foodstuffs were available for distribution to all third-State nationals whose Governments submitted requests.]

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ITEM[Foodstuffs and delivery of foodstuffs: Security Council resolutions 661 (1990), paragraph 3 (c) and 666 (1990)]
TXT[Before giving a general dispensation the Committee should look at the general situation with particular regard to the quantity of food in storage and the continued presence of the Indian Red Cross, and should consider guidelines for the distribution of foodstuffs in circumstances in which the Kuwaiti population, for example, was also in need.]

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ITEM[Foodstuffs and delivery of foodstuffs: Security Council resolutions 661 (1990), paragraph 3 (c) and 666 (1990)]
TXT[His delegation shared the Chairman's understanding. The Committee should consider the request made by the PLO without further delay.]

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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)]
TXT[The Committee had decided some time before that foodstuffs would be made available to all third-country nationals whose Governments contacted the Government of India to request distribution, as several had already done. The Committee had considered a request from the PLO at its previous meeting, at which the Chairman had stated her intention to hold consultations on the matter. It would be useful if she now indicated to the Committee the results of those consultations. If foodstuffs were available to third-State nationals, there seemed to be no reason why Palestinian nationals should not be entitled to receive them.]

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ITEM[Foodstuffs and delivery of foodstuffs: Security Council resolutions 661 (1990), paragraph 3 (c) and 666 (1990)]
TXT[Letters had been sent to Member States and to the PLO informing them that they could approach the Government of India to request distribution of foodstuffs. Responding to a request from the Government of India, she had sent a letter on behalf of the Committee asking the Government of India to leave the excess food in storage on the ship for those in need. The question of identifying specific groups had not arisen in the Committee's communications with the Government of India.]

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SPKR[Kamal] MS[Malaysia] FCT[Member] LANG[1]
ITEM[Foodstuffs and delivery of foodstuffs: Security Council
resolutions 661 (1990), paragraph 3 (c) and 666 (1990)]
TXT[It would be useful for the Chairman to remind those in need of
foodstuffs that they should contact the Indian Government.]

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ITEM[Foodstuffs and delivery of foodstuffs: Security Council
resolutions 661 (1990), paragraph 3 (c) and 666 (1990)]
TXT[Before doing so (reminding those in need of foodstuffs that
they should contact the Indian Government) she would need to know
the exact situation. To that end she would contact the Indian
authorities and inform the Committee in due course.]

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ITEM[Foodstuffs and delivery of foodstuffs: Security Council
resolutions 661 (1990), paragraph 3 (c) and 666 (1990)]
TXT[Welcomed the Chairman's stated intent to obtain exact
information. His understanding was that the Committee, in
considering the distribution of foodstuffs, had focused on
detainees, hostages and those attempting to leave Iraq and Kuwait,
and that the question of the application from the PLO would be
taken up at a later date. The Committee's approval of arrangements
for distribution thus essentially concerned nationals of third
States who were detainees or hostages, whose numbers were
relatively small. The situation of the Palestinians was more akin
to that of the Kuwaitis themselves. The Committee would be in a
better position to respond to the request by the PLO once it had
updated information enabling it to assess the situation of the
detainees and hostages.]

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ITEM[Foodstuffs and delivery of foodstuffs: Security Council
resolutions 661 (1990), paragraph 3 (c) and 666 (1990)]
TXT[The Chairman's view of the situation was accurate. It ought to
be that all those in need of foodstuffs could submit requests, but
the Committee now seemed to be reconsidering the situation of the
Palestinians. His delegation formally requested the provision of
humanitarian assistance to the Palestinians in Kuwait in order to
alleviate their suffering. The Committee should take a decision
there and then, and any delegation not in agreement should state
its formal objections.]

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ITEM[Foodstuffs and delivery of foodstuffs: Security Council
resolutions 661 (1990), paragraph 3 (c) and 666 (1990)]
TXT[Read out the letter dated 12 October 1990 which she had sent to
the Permanent Observer for Palestine (annexed to document
S/AC.25/1990/NOTE/27), which used the same wording as that in the

letter of the same date sent to the Permanent Representatives of Bulgaria, the Philippines, Romania, Sri Lanka, Viet Nam and Yugoslavia.]

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

TXT[The substance of the letter just read out - which the Committee had approved - confirmed his delegation's view of the situation.

The United States representative had stated that the Committee had decided that the surplus should go essentially to the nationals of countries who were awaiting evacuation. It was absurd to apply such a pre-condition to the Palestinians, and he observed that the question of their homeland was unresolved. The Committee did not need to give any further authorization. The Palestinian authorities should simply contact the Indian authorities to request that some of the surplus food should be made available to the Palestinians residing in Kuwait.]

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

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

TXT[The letter read out by the Chairman spoke for itself. The Committee should not discriminate between the Palestinians and any other nationals requiring food. The Committee should not go back on its decision, as that would undermine its credibility.]

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

TXT[It was his recollection that there had been a general discussion of the letters sent to the five countries concerned, but that there had been no discussion of a Palestinian request for food. The only mention at any meeting of a Palestinian request had been the statement by the Chairman to the effect that that question would be taken up at a later stage. Now that the question of implementing the letter had arisen, his delegation felt bound to state that there was a difference between the situation of the nationals of the countries to which the letter had been sent and the situation of the Palestinians, in Kuwait, a large resident population. His delegation was concerned, to the extent that the situation of the Kuwaitis in their own country was also relevant. Although there was a large quantity of surplus food available, it was limited, and it was necessary to assess the priority needs of detainees and hostages.]

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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)]

TXT[The plight of the Palestinians, who were refugees, was serious.]

The procedure suggested in the Chairman's letter of 12 October was appropriate. He agreed with the representative of Malaysia that a reminder should be sent to the countries concerned and to the representatives of the Palestinians reminding them that if their nationals in Iraq or Kuwait were experiencing difficulties, they could contact India to ascertain whether some of the surplus food could be made available to them. The Chairman should also determine how much of food was left.]

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

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

TXT[The terms of the Chairman's letter were very clear and that the issue was simply a question of procedure. There should be no delay in dealing with what was clearly a humanitarian issue.]

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

TXT[At the meeting at which the Indian Ambassador had reported that surplus food would be available and that his Government was prepared to share it with third-State nationals, the Committee had had several requests before it, and had not discussed them in detail. It had simply decided to send the letter regarding the availability of surplus food to those States whose requests were before the Committee.]

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TXT[His delegation was unwilling, on the basis of the discussion of the issue at prior meetings, to place the Palestinians in the same category as the nationals of third States. As he recalled, the Committee had received appeals from specific States whose nationals were being or were likely to be treated adversely by Iraq. The Palestinian request, which had come later, concerned a substantial resident population which could be differentiated from the nationals of those States.]

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TXT[Moreover, according to information available to him, the Kuwaitis could be considered in as difficult straits as the Palestinians. The situation must be reviewed more closely before explicit authorization was given to consider the Palestinians in the same category as the nationals of the other countries. Moreover, the case of the Palestinians had been differentiated to some degree since the beginning; the PLO had requested food through UNRWA, as opposed to food distributed directly.]

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TXT[The situation should be reviewed in the light of additional information to be received from India regarding the amount of food available, before an explicit response was given to the Palestinian request for food.]

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TXT[His delegation did not wish to bargain for the Palestinians or the Kuwaitis. The fact was that a party was imposing hunger on the Palestinian people. It was inappropriate to place the Palestinian people in the same category as third-country nationals. The Committee had reached an agreement, reflected in the Chairman's letter. The delegation which now objected to the Palestinian request had not raised any objection to the sending of the letter to the Permanent Observer for Palestine. The Committee should not discuss further a decision it had already adopted. He agreed with the representative of Malaysia that a reminder should be sent to all those concerned.]

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TXT[It was futile for a delegation to object at the current stage to the Committee's decision.]

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TXT[Had sent the letter on the basis of the Committee's decision. Later on, when the Permanent Observer for Palestine had approached her and she had learned that the food had been earmarked, she had inquired whether any extra food could be left in storage for monitored distribution.]

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TXT[Emphasized that the Palestinians were not in the same category as the nationals of the States to which the letter had been sent and that the Committee had not specifically discussed the case of the Palestinians in this context. While his delegation might be faulted for not objecting sooner, according to the letter from the Permanent Observer of Palestine the Palestinians were resident in

Kuwait, and the few "third-State nationals" did not, therefore, apply to them.]

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TXT[Had not used the phrase "third-State nationals", but had spoken of a group of people who were in need of the food.

Summarizing the discussion, she said she presumed that the Committee agreed that the Indian authorities should be asked to provide information about the amount of food in storage but she noted that there was no agreement that the food should be shared with the Palestinians.]

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TXT[Agreed with the first part of the Chairman's conclusion but said that the second part entirely contradicted the letter sent on behalf of the Committee to the Permanent Observer for Palestine. To claim that the Committee's position had changed one and a half months after the decision had been taken amounted to discrimination against an oppressed people.]

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TXT[Emphasized that she had simply been summarizing the views which had emerged during the current discussion.]

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TXT[Believed that it had been the Committee's intention to include the Palestinian people at the time the Chairman had sent the initial letters. To adopt a different approach now would be a mistake.]

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TXT[Some six weeks earlier the Committee had decided that the countries whose nationals needed food and the Palestinians could request it from and negotiate directly with the Indian authorities. The Chairman accordingly had sent letters to those parties which had indicated such a need. The Committee would be contradicting itself if it stated that there had been no agreement to assist the Palestinians. The fact was that the Committee had adopted a

decision and one delegation now objected to that decision.]

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TXT[The Chairman had sent the letters of 12 October on the basis of an explicit agreement by the Committee. No objection had been raised until the current meeting. He understood the implications of political positions; however, the issue at hand was a humanitarian one and there must be no discrimination against anyone where humanitarian matters were concerned. He could not accept the assertion that there had been no agreement in October on the issue of food for the Palestinians. The fact remained that a single delegation now wished to reconsider its position.]

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TXT[An element of uncertainty had surrounded the question of the Palestinians in Kuwait from the very beginning and it was not true to state that his delegation had gone against a consensus which it had joined in October. He referred to the letter sent by the Permanent Observer for Palestine to the Secretary-General on 24 September 1990 (S/AC.25/1990/COMM.22), which had noted the extremely difficult living conditions of the Palestinians residing in Kuwait and had suggested that a method similar to that followed by UNRWA should be employed in assisting them with humanitarian supplies, and stressed the need for co-operation between the United Nations and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in determining precisely who was in need of humanitarian assistance. In late November, i.e. more than one month after the Chairman's letter to the Permanent Observer for Palestine, it had still been unclear whether humanitarian circumstances should]

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TXT[apply to the Palestinians resident in Kuwait; the Indian Government had therefore been authorized to unload its ship and hold the food in storage. The United States believed, therefore, that further consideration should be given to the question of the Palestinians resident in Kuwait, and that efforts should be made to establish who among the non-Iraqi residents of Kuwait, including the Kuwaitis themselves, was deserving of access to the food stocks in question. His delegation proposed, therefore, that the Committee should return to the question of whether explicit approval should be granted to the Palestinians at its next meeting when, hopefully, it would have the benefit of the anticipated report from the Indian Government on the situation on the ground and the amount of food stocks available.]

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TXT[His delegation could not accept the proposal by the United
States.]

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TXT[It appeared that the United States did not accept the decision
already taken by the Committee.]

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resolutions 661 (1990), paragraph 3 (c) and 666 (1990)]
TXT[In accordance with the Committee's practice, copies of the
letter to the Permanent Observer for Palestine had been circulated
to all Committee members and no objections or comments had been
expressed to her or to the Secretariat concerning the text of those
letters. All the Committee's decisions were taken by consensus and
she understood that such consensus had been reached when she had
sent the second letter to the Indian representative, suggesting
that the surplus food should be made available to all groups in
need, and not earmarked for the nationals of any particular
State.]

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SPKR[Wilkinson] MS[United States] FCT[Member] LANG[1]
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resolutions 661 (1990), paragraph 3 (c) and 666 (1990)]
TXT[It was necessary first for any particular group to establish
its need.]

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resolutions 661 (1990), paragraph 3 (c) and 666 (1990)]
TXT[In her understanding, the Committee had previously decided that
the humanitarian conditions justifying distribution of the food
were already present. She wondered, therefore, whether the United
States representative wished other States to make the same kind of
estimation of their need as had been made by Yugoslavia and
Bulgaria in approaching the Indian Government for food assistance
for their stranded nationals.]

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resolutions 661 (1990), paragraph 3 (c) and 666 (1990)]
TXT[Although no explicit objections had been raised to the

implications of the correspondence and of the discussions in the Committee, the situation of the Palestinians resident in Kuwait had always been unclear, as all Committee members must have been aware. That uncertainty had not previously been addressed by the Committee and no evidence, comparable to that submitted in respect of other nationals, had been produced of discriminatory practices against the Palestinians, while proof of such practices had been submitted by the representatives of other national groups.]

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TXT[If the Committee agreed to defer the question to its next meeting, further clarification could be sought in the mean time in order to assess whether the circumstances justified distribution of food to the Palestinians in 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)]

TXT[His delegation was prepared to defer the discussion on the understanding that, despite such deferral, the decision had already been taken and Yemen had not changed its position. With regard to the so-called ambiguity of the Palestinian request, he stressed that the letter from the Chairman had stated the position in very clear terms, and his delegation therefore regarded as unacceptable the repeated attempts to introduce new procedures for the sake of political expediency.]

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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)]

TXT[His delegation accepted the Chairman's suggestion on the same understanding as that expressed by Yemen.]

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

TXT[The matter would therefore be deferred until the next meeting. She drew attention to letters from the USSR (S/AC.25/1990/COMM.111 and NGO/2) dated 30 November 1990, which sought approval for the delivery of foodstuffs from the Soviet Union to Soviet nationals stranded in Iraq, and said that, if she heard no objection, she would take it that the Committee approved the request. It was so decided.]

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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)]
TXT[With reference to the letter from Jordan dated 24 October 1990 (S/AC.25/1990/COMM.60), that the only controls on the export of medical supplies were those mentioned in paragraph 8 of resolution 666 (1990), recommended strict supervision by the Government of the exporting State or by appropriate humanitarian agencies. A reply to Jordan was being prepared. She drew attention to her letter of 29 November 1990 addressed to the Secretary-General (S/AC.25/1990/NOTE/59), requesting him to urge the Iraqi authorities to permit the appropriate humanitarian agencies to investigate the availability of food in Iraq and Kuwait for Iraqi and Kuwaiti children and infants and for foreigners stranded in the region.]

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ITEM[Foodstuffs and delivery of foodstuffs: Security Council resolutions 661 (1990), paragraph 3 (c) and 666 (1990)]
TXT[It was hoped that such a mission would help the Committee to judge whether the necessary humanitarian circumstances were at hand to justify sending food to Iraq and Kuwait for distribution under the provisions of resolutions 661 (1990) and 666 (1990). It was to be hoped that the Iraqi authorities would respond favourably to the request.]

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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)]
TXT[A humanitarian mission of that kind would considerably alleviate many of the Committee's problems and it was therefore to be hoped that the Iraqi authorities would give their permission.]

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SPKR[Rasi] MS[Finland] FCT[Chairman] LANG[1]
ITEM[Other matters]
TXT[If she heard no objection, she would take it that the Committee decided to take note of the letter dated 13 November 1990 from Cuba (S/AC.25/1990/COMM.83) concerning assistance given to a tanker in distress, flying the Iraqi flag. It was so decided.]

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SPKR[Rasi] MS[Finland] FCT[Chairman] LANG[1]
ITEM[Other matters]
TXT[Letters had been addressed to the Permanent Representatives of Cyprus, Honduras, Lebanon and Turkey (S/AC.25/1990/NOTE/52) to obtain a fuller picture of the situation regarding the allegations contained in document S/AC.25/1990/COMM.40 and to ascertain whether the vessel was still being detained. Letters had also been sent to the Permanent Representatives of Malta, Kuwait and Morocco to seek further clarification regarding the vessel flying the Maltese flag, M.V. Sea Music II, which was stranded in Kuwait. If she heard no objection, she would take it that the Committee decided to take note of letters from Spain, the United Kingdom and France

(S/AC.25/1990/COMM.115, 117 and 118) concerning naval activities in the Gulf area, submitted under resolution 665 (1990). It was so decided.]