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ITEM[Article 50]

TXT[Began by summarizing the progress since the previous meeting. He also drew attention to three working papers which had been prepared by the Secretariat. WG/1: 'Elements for possible inclusion in observations and recommendations regarding requests under Article 50 of the United Nations Charter'. WG/2: 'Elements for identifying special economic problems arising from the carrying out of Security Council resolution 661 (1990)'. WG/3: (Intended for information rather than discussion) 'Compiled country data for 17 States invoking Article 50 of the United Nations Charter, on their estimated losses and costs arising from the carrying out of Security Council resolution 661 (1990)'. He informed the Group that he had written to the President of the World Bank requesting details of the Bank's studies so far. He had also contacted the 17 applicants (excluding Jordan) to inform them of the Working Group's plan of action.]

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ITEM[Article 50]

TXT[Had engaged in bilateral consultations with each of the applicants and he highlighted several points which had arisen from his discussions: a number of applicants viewed these talks as the beginning of consultations with the Security Council regarding their applications under Article 50; many cited growing domestic pressures in their countries for progress with respect to their claims; and, on a general level, all agreed on the need for prompt action. Reiterated the options available for obtaining more information on each application: (1) a representative of each country could appear before the Group (to date none of the applicants had expressed their desire to do so); (2) countries' applications could be updated (several countries had expressed their intention to do this, and new information had already been received from India); (3) further information could be submitted to the Working Group through the Chairman.]

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SPKR[Unrecorded] MS[Yemen] FCT[Member] LANG[1]

ITEM[Article 50]

TXT[Noted that the papers had addressed only the issue of export earnings and that it was important that losses in imports be treated. These might include loss of revenues for services and oil refining. He was concerned that requesting further information from States might cause a prolonged delay in the treatment of their applications. The Chairman noted that some States had explicitly objected to the proposal that the applications be redefined because of the delays this would cause.]

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

ITEM[Article 50]

TXT[Proposed that the Secretariat adapt WG/2 into a 3-5 page text

with a general introduction describing the situation and its consequences.]

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

ITEM[Article 50]

TXT[Asked that attention be drawn to the fact that the countries concerned were fully implementing sanctions and that this 'solidarity' should also apply to any compensation. Furthermore, the losses incurred fell into two categories: (1) losses arising directly from the implementation of sanctions, and (2) losses more generally attributable to the crisis. Any working paper should also mention a time frame for the calculation of losses.]

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ITEM[Article 50]

TXT[Requested the inclusion of the expenses arising from the repatriation and resettlement of workers displaced from Iraq and Kuwait.]

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

ITEM[Article 50]

TXT[Noted the distinction which should be drawn between financial links to Iraq, which were generally completely interrupted, and those to the legitimate Government of Kuwait, which in some cases still existed.]

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SPKR[Fareed] MS[DIEC] FCT[Secretariat] LANG[1]

ITEM[Article 50]

TXT[Responded to several points. The Secretariat had only been able to include the information provided to it. With respect to displacement of workers, he had included this under the category of 'direct losses'. The question of the time frame was more complicated, particularly with respect to exports, which in some cases could, eventually, be redirected.]

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TXT[Suggested that the Secretary report at the next meeting on whether WG/2 should be adjusted to include the points raised in the discussion and if so, how. He supported the suggestion by France that a general text be prepared. Many of the elements of WG/1 had been taken from the Jordanian model but some of the operative paragraphs would require further research.]

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

ITEM[Article 50]

TXT[Proposed that the Working Group begin processing applications as soon as possible and recommended that it begin with the case of Bulgaria, the first country to apply under Article 50.]

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

ITEM[Article 50]

TXT[Which criteria would be applied in prioritizing the treatment of applications.]

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ITEM[Article 50]

TXT[In response to a question from Malaysia, the Chairman stated that there had been no decision on which criteria to apply in prioritizing the treatment of applications. He then proceeded to summarize the discussion: in order for the Group to be seen to be undertaking its tasks promptly he would inform the applicants immediately, and subsequently by letter, of the progress of the Group's work and of the option of providing further information. A paper would be prepared on the basis of the points raised at the meeting. It would seem fair for the Group to process applications in the order of their submission.]

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ITEM[Article 50]

TXT[Requested advance notice of which countries' applications would be considered so as to give his Government the maximum possible time to provide relevant information.]

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ITEM[Article 50]

TXT[Asked the Chairman to prepare a timetable for treating each application. The Secretariat should draw up a draft resolution relating to the Bulgarian application for discussion by the Group.]

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TXT[Observed that he would like to convene the next meeting of the Working Group before the end of the week: the purpose of the meeting would be to hold a preliminary discussion on how to process each application.]