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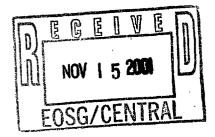
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Attached please find, for the information of the Secretary-General, a note on the proceedings of the Security Council on Monday, 12 November 2001.



SUBJECT: OBJET:

cc: The Deputy Secretary-General Mr. K. Prendergast

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Monday, 12 November 2001

FORMAL MEETING

Threats to international peace and security caused by terrorist acts

At its 4413th meeting (held at ministerial level), the Security Council met to consider the agenda item entitled "threats to international peace and security caused by terrorist acts". The Council observed a minute of silence in memory of those who lost their lives in the crash of an American Airlines aircraft earlier that day in New York. At the close of the meeting, the Council adopted resolution 1377 (2001) (Attachment) by which, *inter alia*, it invited the Counter-Terrorism Committee to explore ways in which States could be assisted in the implementation of resolution 1373 (2001), and called on all States to intensify their efforts to eliminate the scourge of international terrorism.

In his introductory remarks, the <u>Secretary-General</u> applauded the Council for its speedy efforts to "carry the fight against terrorism forward", highlighting the adoption of resolution 1373 and the work of the Counter-Terrorism Committee (CTC) as examples thereof. Stressing the UN's unique position to facilitate inter-State cooperation on the measures necessary to defeat terrorism, the <u>Secretary-General</u> noted that he had established a Working Group to identify the longer-term implications and broad policy dimensions of the issue of terrorism for the UN. He underlined the need for States to ratify the existing conventions on terrorism, and also drew attention to the need to strengthen the global norms against the use or proliferation of weapons of mass destruction.

In their interventions, Council members made the following remarks:

- Reaffirmed their commitment to combat terrorism at the national, regional and international levels, stressing the central role to be played by the Security Council and the UN in that effort. Called attention to and welcomed the plethora efforts being made by the various regional organizations on addressing terrorism.
- Emphasised that the fight against terrorism was not a fight against any religion or ethnicity (The <u>Russian Federation</u>, China, Singapore, Tunisia)
- Called on all UN Members to fully and effectively implement the provisions of resolution 1373 (2001).

- Underlined the central role of the Counter-Terrorism Committee established under resolution 1373, and called on Member States, regional and sub-regional organizations with the capacity to provide financial and technical assistance, to provide such assistance to Member States lacking the necessary capacity to implement the resolution.
- Stressed the need for greater practical cooperation among law enforcement, customs and intelligence agencies of all countries, in order to address the links between international terrorism, organized crime, money laundering and illegal trafficking in drugs and small arms.
- Urged all Member States to ratify the 12 existing international Conventions against terrorism, and called for early agreement on the General Assembly's draft comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism.
- Recognising that measures should be taken to address both the symptoms and root causes of terrorism, called for a renewed commitment to addressing global issues that gave rise to terrorism, *inter alia*, the problems of poverty, regional conflict, denial of human rights, sustainable development and environmental protection.
- <u>Singapore</u> suggested the convening of an international conference to discuss the next steps in the fight against terrorism.

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Programme of work

Tuesday, 13 November 2001

10.30 a.m.

4414th meeting: The situation in Afghanistan

Attachment

Resolution 1377 (2001)

Adopted by the Security Council at its 4413th meeting, on 12 November 2001

The Security Council,

Meeting at the Ministerial level,

Recalling its resolutions 1269 (1999) of 19 October 1999, 1368 (2001) of 12 September 2001 and 1373 (2001) of 28 September 2001,

Declares that acts of international terrorism constitute one of the most serious threats to international peace and security in the twenty-first century,

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Stresses that acts of international terrorism are contrary to the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, and that the financing, planning and preparation of as well as any other form of support for acts of international terrorism are similarly contrary to the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations,

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