

further informed the Council that the Governments of Afghanistan and Pakistan had undertaken to provide full support and co-operation to his representative and to all the personnel that might be required, grant them the relevant privileges and immunities and be responsible for their safety. He added that these arrangements were scheduled to become fully effective on 15 May 1988 and that it was therefore envisaged under the agreements that the required personnel should arrive in the area no later than 20 days before that date.

In a letter dated 22 April 1988,⁵⁴ the Secretary-General transmitted to the President of the Security Council the texts of the agreements on the settlement of the situation relating to Afghanistan and made a number of observations regarding the strength, mandate, duration and cost of the military observer mission. The Secretary-General informed the Council that he intended to propose to the General Assembly that the cost of the mission, including equipment, should be covered by the regular budget of the United Nations.

In a letter dated 25 April 1988,⁵⁵ the President of the Council informed the Secretary-General as follows:

"I have the honour to inform you that your letters dated 14 April⁵⁴ and 22 April 1988⁵⁴ concerning measures envisaged by you have been brought to the attention of the members of the Security Council, in particular the arrangements for the temporary dispatch of military officers from existing United Nations operations, and for ensuring the safety and security of the United Nations personnel as well as the financing.

"Having consulted the members of the Council, I would like to inform you of their provisional agreement

to the proposals contained in your letters, pending formal consideration and decision by the Council later.

"The members of the Council requested that it be underlined that this exchange of letters not be regarded as a precedent for the future."

At its 2828th meeting, on 31 October 1988, the Council proceeded with the discussion of the item entitled "The situation relating to Afghanistan".

**Resolution 622 (1988)
of 31 October 1988**

The Security Council,

Recalling the letters dated 14 April⁵⁴ and 22 April 1988⁵⁴ from the Secretary-General to the President of the Security Council concerning the agreements on the settlement of the situation relating to Afghanistan, signed at Geneva on 14 April 1988,⁵⁶

Recalling also the letter dated 25 April 1988⁵⁵ from the President of the Security Council to the Secretary-General,

1. *Confirms* its agreement to the measures envisaged in the Secretary-General's letters of 14 and 22 April 1988, in particular the arrangement for the temporary dispatch to Afghanistan and Pakistan of military officers from existing United Nations operations to assist in the mission of good offices;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to keep the Security Council informed of further developments, in accordance with the Geneva agreements.

*Adopted unanimously at the
2828th meeting.*

⁵⁴ *Ibid.*, document S/19835.
⁵⁵ S/19836.

⁵⁶ *Official Records of the Security Council, Forty-third Year, Supplement for April, May and June 1988*, document S/19835, annex I.

LETTER DATED 19 APRIL 1988 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF TUNISIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Decisions

At its 2807th meeting on 21 April 1988, the Council decided to invite the representatives of Egypt, Gabon, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Morocco, Mozambique, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, the Syrian Arab Republic and Tunisia to participate, without vote, in the discussion of the item entitled "Letter dated 19 April 1988 from the Permanent Representative of Tunisia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/19798)".⁵⁷

⁵⁷ See *Official Records of the Security Council, Forty-third Year, Supplement for April, May and June 1988*.

At the same meeting, the Council also decided, by a vote, that an invitation should be accorded to the representative of the Palestine Liberation Organization to participate in the debate and that that invitation would confer upon it the same rights of participation as those conferred on a Member State when it was invited to participate under rule 37 of the provisional rules of procedure.

Adopted by 10 votes to 1 (United States of America), with 4 abstentions (France, Germany, Federal Republic of Italy, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland).