

Resolution 710 (1991)
of 12 September 1991

The Security Council,

Having examined the application of the Republic of Latvia for admission to the United Nations,²¹⁰

Recommends to the General Assembly that the Republic of Latvia be admitted to membership in the United Nations.

Adopted without a vote at the 3007th meeting

Resolution 711 (1991)
of 12 September 1991

The Security Council,

Having examined the application of the Republic of Lithuania for admission to the United Nations,²¹¹

Recommends to the General Assembly that the Republic of Lithuania be admitted to membership in the United Nations.

Adopted without a vote at the 3007th meeting

Decisions

In the absence of any objections, the Council then decided, in accordance with the recommendation contained in paragraph 3 of the report of the Committee on the Admission of New Members,²¹² to have recourse to the provisions of the last paragraph of rule 60 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure and to depart from the time limits set forth in the penultimate paragraph of rule 60 in order to present its recommendation to the forty-sixth session of the General Assembly due to open the following week.

At the same meeting, following the adoption of resolutions 709 (1991), 710 (1991) and 711 (1991), the President of the Council made the following statement on behalf of the members:²¹³

"I indeed appreciate the honour bestowed on me, as President of the Security Council, to say on behalf of all its members how pleased the Security Council is to recommend to the General Assembly that it admit the Republic of Estonia, the Republic of Latvia and the Republic of Lithuania to membership in the United Nations.

"It is a pleasure, but it is also a serious matter, for this is a solemn decision of great symbolic and historic importance that the Council is taking. The wheels of history have been turning. The winds of freedom have been blowing down old structures. We are entering a world where perhaps there is less order, but where there is ever more hope.

"The independence of the Republic of Estonia, the Republic of Latvia and the Republic of Lithuania was regained peacefully, by means of dialogue, with the consent of the parties concerned, and in accordance with the wishes and aspirations of the three peoples. We can only welcome this development, which obviously represents progress in respecting the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and in attaining its objectives.

"To the representatives of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, I should like to say 'Welcome'. The Council unanimously took the view that your States meet the conditions laid down in rule 60 of the provisional rules of procedure for the admission of Members, namely, that they should be 'peace-loving' and 'able and willing to carry out the obligations contained in the Charter'.

"I am confident that as new Members of the United Nations, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania will make a constructive contribution to the efforts to promote and uphold the purposes and principles of the Charter.

"It is now for the General Assembly to ratify the judgement of the Security Council and to enable you rightfully to regain your place within the community of nations. Thus this forty-sixth session will see the United Nations, with 166 Members, progress towards the universality that is one of its fundamental principles."

THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE²¹⁴

A. Date of an election to fill a vacancy in the International Court of Justice

Decision

At its 3005th meeting, on 28 August 1991, the Council proceeded with the discussion of the item entitled "Date of an

election to fill a vacancy in the International Court of Justice (S/22959)".²²