

"There can be no doubt that the Security Council's recommendation to the General Assembly advances and underscores the Organization's goal of universality. I am certain that, as new members of the Organization, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Republic of Korea will contribute positively to efforts to enhance the effectiveness of the work of the United Nations and strengthen respect for its purposes and principles.

"The admission of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Republic of Korea will also reduce tensions in the region, create a favourable atmosphere for and facilitate the promotion of confidence-building measures in their bilateral relations and provide them with an appropriate forum in which to consider the many things they have in common and to overcome the few remaining obstacles to their unification.

"We have recently seen how countries that were once adversaries have found the necessary strength to put aside their differences in favour of their shared interest in promoting the well-being of their peoples and of the world in general. We are living in an age in which mankind seems to be regaining its senses. We can begin the next millennium in a more optimistic spirit. In the positive atmosphere resulting from the end of the cold war, we note with great satisfaction a new manifestation of constructive understanding: the recommendation, adopted by the Security Council, that the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Republic of Korea become Members of the United Nations.

"I wish to conclude by saying that, in my capacity as President of the Security Council and on behalf of all its members, I am on this historic occasion deeply honoured to address these words of congratulation to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and to the Republic of Korea."

B. Application of the Federated States of Micronesia

Decisions

At its 2999th meeting, on 6 August 1991, the Council, following the adoption of its agenda, decided to refer the application of the Federated States of Micronesia²⁰³ to the Committee on the Admission of New Members for examination and report, as provided in rule 59 of the provisional rules of procedure.

At its 3002nd meeting, on 9 August 1991, the Council discussed the report of the Committee on the Admission of New Members²⁰⁴ concerning the application of the Federated States of Micronesia for admission to membership in the United Nations.

Resolution 703 (1991) of 9 August 1991

The Security Council,

Having examined the application of the Federated States of Micronesia for admission to the United Nations,²⁰³

Recommends to the General Assembly that the Federated States of Micronesia be admitted to membership in the United Nations.

Adopted without a vote at the 3002nd meeting.

Decision

At the same meeting, following the adoption of Security Council resolution 703 (1991), the President of the Council made the following statement on behalf of the members:²⁰⁵

"In my capacity as President of the Security Council and on behalf of the members of the Council, I should like to underscore the historic importance of the resolution which we have just adopted recommending the admission of the Federated States of Micronesia to membership in the United Nations. This resolution is without a doubt the logical follow-up to resolution 683 (1990), adopted by the Security Council on 22 December 1990, by which it terminated the trusteeship arrangement for the territories of Micronesia.

"For the Security Council as well as for the Trusteeship Council, and for the United Nations as a whole, this resolution marks the culmination of an effort sustained over decades to enable the peoples of these territories to take charge of their destiny and assume the place to which they are entitled in the community of nations.

"The universality of the Organization is steadily becoming a reality and gaining in significance as more and more of the States which make up the world community are admitted to membership.

"The founders of the Organization had precisely that objective in mind, namely the formation of a single, universal entity in which all States would share responsibility for the preservation of international peace and security without distinction as to level of economic development, size of population, military might or any other factor.

"The Federated States of Micronesia will make an outstanding contribution to the United Nations by bringing to it an innovative approach and a fresh perspective on world affairs, in order to promote changes in established practices, many of which, as all the Members of the Organization are aware, are in need of renewal.