

under the various paragraphs, in particular paragraphs 4, 6, 7 and 8.

"I note that military activity has decreased in the past few days. I wish on this occasion, however, to appeal to all concerned, in the strongest possible terms, to exercise the utmost restraint and to refrain forthwith from any hostile activity on land, at sea and in the air, in the period before entry into effect of the cease-fire.

"I wish to express my deepest appreciation for the efforts made by the parties, the members of the Council and others over the past weeks. I am confident that I shall be able to count on the continuing co-operation of the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran and of Iraq when we convene in Geneva.

"The restoration of peace will bring to the peoples of both countries victories far greater than those of war."

At the same meeting, the President made the following statement:⁴¹

"Following consultations of the Council, I have been authorized to make the following statement on behalf of the members of the Council:

"The Security Council welcomes the statement just made by the Secretary-General concerning the implementation of its resolution 598 (1987) of 20 July 1987 on the Iran/Iraq conflict.⁴⁰

"The Council endorses the Secretary-General's announcement that the ceasefire demanded in the resolution shall come into effect at 0300 (GMT) on 20 August 1988, and that direct talks under his auspices between the two parties shall begin on 25 August.

"The Council further endorses the appeal of the Secretary-General to both parties to exercise the utmost restraint and expects them to refrain from all hostile activities in the period before the entry into effect of the ceasefire.

"The Council reiterates its determination that its resolution 598 (1987) be fully implemented as an integral whole and reaffirms its full support for the continuing efforts of the Secretary-General to this end."

At its 2824th meeting, on 9 August 1988, the Council proceeded with the discussion of the item entitled "The situation between Iran and Iraq: report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of paragraph 2 of Security Council resolution 598 (1987) (S/20093)".⁴²

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Resolution 619 (1988)

of 9 August 1988

The Security Council,

Recalling its resolution 598 (1987) of 20 July 1987,

1. *Approves* the report of the Secretary-General contained in document S/20093 on the implementation of paragraph 2 of resolution 598 (1987) of the Security Council;

2. *Decides* to set up immediately, under its authority, a United Nations Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group and requests the Secretary-General to take the necessary steps to this effect, in accordance with his above-mentioned report;

3. *Also decides* that the United Nations Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group shall be established for a period of six months, unless the Council decides otherwise;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to keep the Security Council fully informed of further developments.

Adopted unanimously at the 2824th meeting.

Decisions

In a letter dated 9 August 1988,⁴³ the Secretary-General referred to paragraph 8 (c) of his report of 7 August on the implementation of paragraph 2 of Security Council resolution 598 (1987)⁴⁴ and proposed to the Security Council that the United Nations Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group be composed of contingents from the following Member States: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Ghana, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Kenya, Malaysia, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Poland, Senegal, Sweden, Turkey, Yugoslavia and Zambia. In a letter dated 10 August 1988,⁴⁵ the President of the Council informed the Secretary-General as follows:

"I have the honour to inform you that your letter dated 9 August 1988⁴³ concerning the composition of the United Nations Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group has been brought to the attention of the members of the Security Council. They considered the matter in informal consultations held on 10 August and agreed with the proposal contained in your letter."

In a letter dated 10 August 1988,⁴⁶ the Secretary-General informed the President of the Council of his intention, with

⁴³ S/20104.

⁴⁴ *Official Records of the Security Council, Forty-third Year, Supplement for July, August and September 1988*, document S/20093.

⁴⁵ S/20105.

⁴⁶ S/20111.

⁴¹ S/20096.

⁴² See *Official Records of the Security Council, Forty-third Year, Supplement for July, August and September 1988*.