



Statement by the President of the Security Council

At the meeting of the Security Council, held on 23 November 2009, in connection with the Council's Consideration of the item entitled Word Usage in Resolution GEN 1/1/5, the President of the Security Council made the following statement on behalf of the Council:

1 The Security Council commends the diligent work of the 1st Committee and the General
2 Plenary. Concern has been raised regarding Resolution 1/1/5 that has been passed by the
3 1st Committee. This Resolution contains a clause, 2g, that gives rights through the United
4 Nations. The Security Council expresses concern that this clause sets a precedent for
5 controlling the rights of a nation, which is a violation of national sovereignty.

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7 The Security Council requests that in the future the 1st Committee refrain from any
8 phrasing that could be interpreted as controlling the rights of a nation.

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10 The Security Council asks the General Plenary to amend resolution 1/1/5 in the combined
11 session. The Council would like the word 'give' changed to 'reaffirm' to avoid
12 interpreting this clause as a precedent for controlling the rights of a nation.

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14 The Security Council once again expresses its appreciation for the hard work of both
15 committees and it does not intend to offend any nations involved. The Council's primary
16 concern is the international right of sovereignty.

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18 The Security Council hopes this situation will be resolved swiftly in a diplomatic manner.