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[The Security Council vote was 10 in favor; 3 opposed (U. S. , U. K. and France) and 2 abstentions (Italy and Japan). The three opposing votes are all vetos since they were all by permanent members of the UN Security Council.]