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NOTE BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

At the 1975th meeting of the Security Council on 30 November 1976, the President of the Council made the following statement on behalf of the members of the Council after the adoption of resolution 398 (1976):

In connexion with the adoption of the resolution on the renewal of the mandate of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force, I have been authorized to make the following complementary statement on behalf of the Security Council regarding the resolution just adopted:

"As is known, the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (S/12235) states in paragraph 32 that 'despite the present quiet in the Israeli-Syria sector, there can be no question that the situation in the Middle East will remain unstable and potentially dangerous unless real progress can be made towards a just and lasting settlement of the problem in all its aspects.' This statement of the Secretary-General reflects the view of the Security Council."

Further, I have been asked by the delegations of Benin, China and the Libyan Arab Republic to say that, as they have not participated in the vote on this resolution, they take the same position with regard to the statement which I have just read on behalf of the members of the Council.
