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NOTE BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

The President of the Security Council read out the following statement at the 2266th meeting of the Security Council on 19 March 1981, in connexion with the Council's consideration of the item entitled "The situation in the Middle East":

"Taking account of an earlier complaint by the Government of Lebanon, which is already being considered by the Security Council, and of the report submitted by the Secretary-General on 16 March 1981 (S/14407), I have been authorized, as President of the Security Council, to make the following statement on behalf of its members:

'The members of the Security Council are deeply shocked and outraged at the report received about the repeated attacks on UNIFIL and the continuing killings of peace-keeping soldiers in southern Lebanon.

These renewed barbaric acts against a peace-keeping force are a direct defiance of the authority of the Security Council and a challenge to the mission of the United Nations in maintaining international peace and security, which cannot be tolerated.

The Council condemns these outrageous actions by the so-called de facto forces which have caused the death and injury of UNIFIL personnel present in Lebanon under international mandate. In strongly condemning these latest outrageous acts of the so-called de facto forces, the Council calls on all those who share in the responsibility for this tense situation to put an end to any act which might increase the threat to international peace and security and to put an end to military assistance to any forces which interfere with UNIFIL in the exercise of its mandate.

The Council addresses a serious warning to all the forces responsible for these dangerous acts violating the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Lebanon, preventing the full deployment of UNIFIL, including the deployment of the Lebanese armed forces in the area, and severely hampering UNIFIL in the fulfilment of the mandate as expressed in Security Council resolution 425 (1978), which states:

The Security Council,

Taking note of the letters from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon 1/ and from the Permanent Representative of Israel, 2/

Having heard the statements of the Permanent Representatives of Lebanon and Israel, 3/

Gravely concerned at the deterioration of the situation in the Middle East and its consequences to the maintenance of international peace,

Convinced that the present situation impedes the achievement of a just peace in the Middle East,

1. Calls for strict respect for the territorial integrity, sovereignty and political independence of Lebanon within its internationally recognized boundaries;
2. Calls upon Israel immediately to cease its military action against Lebanese territorial integrity and withdraw forthwith its forces from all Lebanese territory;
3. Decides, in the light of the request of the Government of Lebanon, to establish immediately under its authority a United Nations interim force for Southern Lebanon for the purpose of confirming the withdrawal of Israeli forces, restoring international peace and security and assisting the Government of Lebanon in ensuring the return of its effective authority in the area, the force to be composed of personnel drawn from Member States;
4. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the Council within twenty-four hours on the implementation of the present resolution.

The Council emphasizes that it is essential that UNIFIL receive the full co-operation of all parties to enable it to carry out its mandate in the entire area of operations up to the internationally recognized boundaries, thus contributing to full implementation of Security Council resolution 425 (1978).

The Council calls for the immediate release of Lebanese military personnel and of all those persons who were kidnapped by the so-called de facto forces during the recent hostilities.

1/ S/12600 and S/12606.

2/ S/12607.

3/ S/PV.2071.

The Council extends its sympathy and deep-felt condolences to the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and the families of the victims.

The Council also commends the valiant action and the courage, under the most adverse circumstances, of the commanders and soldiers of UNIFIL and expresses full support for their efforts.¹²
