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NOTE BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Following consultations of the Council, the President of the Security Council read out the text of the following statement at the 2496th meeting, on 11 November 1983:

"I have been authorized by the members of the Security Council to make the following statement on their behalf:

'The members of the Security Council wish to express their profound concern at the recent and current developments in North Lebanon which have caused and are still causing widespread suffering and loss of human life. The members appeal to all parties concerned to exercise the utmost restraint and freely seek to attain, and to respect, an immediate cessation of hostilities, to settle their differences exclusively by peaceful means and to refrain from the threat or use of force. The members of the Council highly appreciate the work of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East and of the International Committee of the Red Cross in providing emergency humanitarian assistance to Palestinian and Lebanese civilians in and around the city of Tripoli. The members of the Security Council will continue to follow the situation in Lebanon with the greatest attention.'"