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Note by the Secretary-General

At the request of the Permanent Representatives of France, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America, I am transmitting to the Security Council, for the information of its members, the text of the statement which was released on 20 September 1969 by the Foreign Ministers of the above-mentioned countries.

The statement is as follows:

"The Foreign Ministers of France, the Soviet Union, the United Kingdom and the United States met with the Secretary-General for a discussion.

"They directed their attention to the situation in the Middle East, which they regarded as increasingly serious and urgent.

"1. They reaffirmed that resolution 242 of the Security Council dated 22 November 1967 should be supported and carried out.

"2. They agreed that durable peace should be established in the Middle East.

"3. They reaffirmed that all States in the Middle East have an inalienable right to exist as independent and sovereign States.

"4. With the above objectives in mind the conversations and contacts already established will be continued."

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