

Middle East: letter dated 17 May 1984 from the Permanent Representative of Kuwait to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/16569)".¹⁷

At the same meeting, the Council also decided, by a vote, that an invitation should be accorded to the representative of the Palestine Liberation Organization to participate in the debate and that that invitation would confer upon it the same rights of participation as those conferred on a Member State when it was invited to participate under rule 37 of the provisional rules of procedure.

Adopted by 11 votes to 1 (United States of America), with 3 abstentions (France, Netherlands and United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland).

At the same meeting, the Council further decided to extend an invitation, under rule 39 of the provisional rules of procedure, to the Chairman of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People.

At the same meeting, the Council further decided, at the request of the representative of Kuwait,²¹ to extend an invitation to Mr. Clovis Maksoud under rule 39 of the provisional rules of procedure.

At its 2544th meeting, on 30 May 1984, the Council proceeded with the discussion of the item entitled "The situation in the Middle East: report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (S/16573)".¹⁷

Resolution 551 (1984)

of 30 May 1984

The Security Council,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force,²²

²¹ Document S/16575, incorporated in the record of the 2540th meeting.

²² *Official Records of the Security Council, Thirty-ninth Year, Supplement for April, May and June 1984*, document S/16573.

Decides:

(a) To call upon the parties concerned to implement immediately Security Council resolution 338 (1973);

(b) To renew the mandate of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force for another period of six months, that is, until 30 November 1984;

(c) To request the Secretary-General to submit, at the end of this period, a report on the developments in the situation and the measures taken to implement resolution 338 (1973).

Adopted unanimously at the 2544th meeting.

Decisions

At the same meeting, following the adoption of resolution 551 (1984), the President made the following statement:²³

"In connection with the resolution just adopted 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:

"As is known, the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force²² states, in paragraph 26: "despite the present quiet in the Israel-Syria sector, the situation in the Middle East as a whole continues to be potentially dangerous and is likely to remain so, unless and until a comprehensive settlement covering all aspects of the Middle East problem can be reached". That statement of the Secretary-General reflects the view of the Security Council."

At its 2552nd meeting, on 29 August 1984, the Council decided to invite the representatives of Israel, Kuwait, Lebanon and the Syrian Arab Republic to participate, without vote, in the discussion of the item entitled "The situation in the Middle East: letter dated 24 August 1984 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/16713)".²⁴

At the same meeting, the Council also decided to extend an invitation, under rule 39 of the provisional rules of procedure, to the Chairman of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People.

²³ *Ibid.*, document S/16593.

²⁴ See *Official Records of the Security Council, Thirty-ninth Year, Supplement for July, August and September 1984*.