

Chapter 2

THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST

A. United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon and developments in the Israel-Lebanon sector

1. Communications received between 19 June and 28 July 1987 and report of the Secretary-General

324. Letter dated 19 June 1987 (S/18934) from the representative of Lebanon addressed to the Secretary-General.

325. Letter dated 16 July (S/18999) from the representative of Lebanon addressed to the Secretary-General.

326. Report of the Secretary-General dated 24 July (S/18990), containing an account of developments relating to the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) for the period from 12 January to 24 July 1987, submitted prior to the expiration of the mandate of the Force on 31 July.

327. Letter dated 28 July (S/19001) from the representative of Lebanon addressed to the Secretary-General.

2. Consideration at the 2751st meeting (31 July 1987)

328. At its 2751st meeting, on 31 July, the Council included the following item in its agenda without objection:

"The situation in the Middle East

"Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (S/18990)".

329. The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Lebanon and Israel, at their request, to participate in the discussion without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter of the United Nations and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

330. The Council began its consideration of the item.

331. The President drew attention to a draft resolution (S/19008) that had been prepared in the course of the Council's consultations, which he proposed to put to the vote.

Decision: At the 2751st meeting, on 31 July 1987, the draft resolution (S/19008) was adopted unanimously as resolution 599 (1987).

332. Resolution 599 (1987) reads as follows:

"The Security Council,

"Recalling its resolutions 425 (1978), 426 (1978), 501 (1982), 508 (1982), 509 (1982) and 520 (1982), as well as all its resolutions on the situation in Lebanon,

**"Having studied the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon of 24 July 1987, 1/ and taking note of the observations expressed therein,**

**"Taking note of the letter dated 16 July 1987 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, 2/**

**"Responding to the request of the Government of Lebanon,**

**"1. Decides to extend the present mandate of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon for a further interim period of six months, that is, until 31 January 1988;**

**"2. Reiterates its strong support for the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Lebanon within its internationally recognised boundaries;**

**"3. Re-emphasises the terms of reference and general guidelines of the Force as stated in the report of the Secretary-General of 19 March 1978, 3/ approved by resolution 426 (1978), and calls upon all parties concerned to co-operate fully with the Force for the full implementation of its mandate;**

**"4. Reiterates that the Force should fully implement its mandate as defined in resolutions 425 (1978), 426 (1978) and all other relevant resolutions;**

**"5. Requests the Secretary-General to continue consultations with the Government of Lebanon and other parties directly concerned on the implementation of the present resolution and to report to the Security Council thereon.**

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"1/ S/18990.

"2/ S/18999.

"3/ See Official Records of the Security Council, Thirty-third Year, Supplement for January, February and March 1978, document S/12611."

333. Following the vote, statements were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and by the President, in his capacity as the representative of France.

334. Statements were made by the representatives of Lebanon and Israel.

3. Communications received between 12 August 1987 and 7 January 1988, special report of the Secretary-General and request for a meeting

335. Letter dated 12 August (S/19032) from the representative of Lebanon addressed to the Secretary-General.

336. Letter dated 8 September (S/19111) from the representative of Lebanon addressed to the Secretary-General.

337. Letter dated 9 September (S/19120) from the representative of Kuwait addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the text of a letter dated 8 September from the observer of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) to the Secretary-General.

338. Letter dated 9 September (S/19122) from the Chairman of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People addressed to the Secretary-General.

339. Special report of the Secretary-General dated 5 October (S/19175 and Corr.1 (English only)) on UNIFIL.

340. Letter dated 12 October (S/19195) from the representative of Lebanon addressed to the Secretary-General.

341. Letter dated 30 October (S/19243) from the representative of Lebanon addressed to the Secretary-General.

342. Letter dated 24 November (S/19318) from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council transmitting the text of a note, together with a map, on a subject on which he had been asked to report at the Security Council's informal consultations on 15 October.

343. Letter dated 16 December (S/19350) from the representative of Lebanon addressed to the Secretary-General.

344. Letter dated 24 December (S/19383) from the representative of Lebanon addressed to the Secretary-General.

345. Letter dated 5 January 1988 (S/19406) from the representative of Lebanon addressed to the Secretary-General.

346. Letter dated 7 January (S/19415) from the representative of Lebanon addressed to the President of the Security Council requesting an urgent meeting of the Council.

4. Consideration at the 2782nd to 2784th meetings (15-18 January 1988)

347. At its 2782nd meeting, on 15 January, the Council included the following item in its agenda without objection:

"The situation in the Middle East

"Letter dated 7 January 1988 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/19415)".

348. The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Israel, Jordan, Lebanon and the Syrian Arab Republic, at their request, to participate in the discussion without the right to vote.

349. The President drew attention to a letter dated 15 January (S/19432) from the representative of Algeria requesting that an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure be extended to Mr. Samir Mansouri, observer of the League of Arab States (LAS). In the absence of objection, the President extended the invitation requested.

350. The Council began its consideration of the item, and heard a statement by the representative of Lebanon.

351. The representative of Jordan made a statement in his capacity as current Chairman of the Group of Arab States.

352. The President informed members of the Council that a draft resolution had been submitted by Algeria, Argentina, Nepal, Senegal, Yugoslavia and Zambia (S/19434).

353. The draft resolution (S/19434) read as follows:

"The Security Council,

"Reaffirming its resolutions 425 (1978), 426 (1978), 508 (1982) and 509 (1982), as well as all its resolutions on the situation in southern Lebanon,

"Having heard the statement of the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations, 1/

"Noting with grave concern the deterioration of the situation in southern Lebanon as a result of the repeated Israeli attacks and all other measures and practices against the civilian population,

"Deeply concerned with the encroachment of land and setting up of fences affecting the internationally recognized boundaries, as described in the Secretary-General's note 2/ of 4 December 1987,

"1. Strongly deplores the repeated Israeli attacks against Lebanese territory and all other measures and practices against the civilian population;

"2. Strongly requests that Israel cease all acts of encroachment of land, construction of roads and setting up of fences that violate the border, and any attempts to occupy or change the status of Lebanese territory or to impede the return of the effective authority of the Government of Lebanon in sovereign Lebanese territory;

"3. Reaffirms its calls for strict respect for the sovereignty of Lebanon, its independence, unity and territorial integrity within its internationally recognized boundaries;

"4. Reaffirms the urgent need to implement the provisions of the Security Council resolutions on Lebanon, in particular resolutions 425 (1978) and 426 (1978), and resolution 509 (1982), which demands that Israel withdraw all its military forces forthwith and unconditionally to the internationally recognized boundaries;

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"1/ Official Records of the Security Council, Forty-third Year, 2762nd meeting.

"2/ S/19318, annex.

"5. Requests the Secretary-General to continue consultations with the Government of Lebanon and other parties directly concerned in the implementation of resolutions 425 (1978), 426 (1978), 508 (1982) and 509 (1982) and to report thereon to the Security Council;

"6. Decides to keep the situation in southern Lebanon under review."

354. At its 2783rd meeting, on 18 January, the Council continued its consideration of the item.

355. In addition to the representatives previously invited, the President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Kuwait, Morocco and Saudi Arabia, at their request, to participate in the discussion without the right to vote.

356. The President informed the Council of a letter dated 15 January (S/19433) from the representative of Algeria requesting that an invitation be extended to the observer of the PLO to participate in the debate on the item, in accordance with the Council's past practice. He added that the proposal was not made pursuant to rules 37 or 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure but that, if approved by the Council, the invitation would confer on the PLO the same rights of participation as those conferred on a Member State when it was invited to participate pursuant to rule 37.

357. The representative of the United States of America made a statement concerning the proposal.

Decision: At the 2783rd meeting, on 18 January 1988, the proposal was adopted by 10 votes in favour (Algeria, Argentina, Brazil, China, Japan, Nepal, Senegal, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Yugoslavia and Zambia) to 1 against (United States of America), with 4 abstentions (France, Germany, Federal Republic of, Italy, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland).

358. The Council then continued its consideration of the item, hearing statements by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic, Saudi Arabia, Nepal, Israel and Algeria.

359. Mr. Mansouri, to whom the Council had extended an invitation under rule 39 of its provisional rules of procedure, made a statement.

360. The President spoke on a matter of procedure.

361. At its 2784th meeting, held on the same date, the Council continued its consideration of the item.

362. In addition to the representatives previously invited, the President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Mauritania, at his request, to participate in the discussion without the right to vote.

363. The Security Council heard a statement by the representative of Yugoslavia.

364. The representative of the PLO made a statement.

365. Statements were also made by the representatives of Morocco, Kuwait, Senegal, Mauritania and the USSR.

366. The representative of Lebanon made a further statement.

367. The Council then commenced its voting procedure.

368. Before the voting, statements were made by the representative of Brazil and by the President, in his capacity as the representative of the United Kingdom.

369. The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution (S/19434) before it.

Decision: At the 2784th meeting, on 18 January 1988, the draft resolution (S/19434) received 13 votes in favour (Algeria, Argentina, Brazil, China, France, Germany, Federal Republic of, Italy, Japan, Nepal, Senegal, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Yugoslavia and Zambia) to 1 against (United States of America), with 1 abstention (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland) and was not adopted owing to the negative vote of a permanent member of the Council.

370. Following the vote, a statement was made by the representative of the United States.

5. Communications received between 20 and 25 January 1988 and report of the Secretary-General

371. Letter dated 20 January (S/19440) from the representative of Lebanon addressed to the Secretary-General.

372. Report of the Secretary-General dated 22 January (S/19445), containing an account of developments relating to UNIFIL for the period from 25 July 1987 to 22 January 1988, submitted prior to the expiration of the mandate of the Force on 31 January.

373. Letter dated 25 January (S/19450) from the representative of the Lib, an Arab Jamahiriya addressed to the Secretary-General.

6. Consideration at the 2783th meeting (29 January 1988)

374. At its 2788th meeting, on 29 January, the Council included the following item in its agenda without objection:

"The situation in the Middle East

"Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (S/19445)".

375. The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution (S/19461) that had been prepared in the course of the Council's consultations, which he proposed to put to the vote.

376. The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution before it.

Decision: At the 2788th meeting, on 29 January 1988, the draft resolution (S/19461) was adopted unanimously as resolution 609 (1988).

377. Resolution 609 (1988) reads as follows:

**"The Security Council,**

**"Recalling its resolutions 425 (1978), 426 (1978), 501 (1982), 508 (1982), 509 (1982) and 520 (1982), as well as all its resolutions on the situation in Lebanon,**

**"Having studied the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon of 22 January 1988, 1/ and taking note of the observations expressed therein,**

**"Taking note of the letter dated 20 January 1988 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, 2/**

**"Responding to the request of the Government of Lebanon,**

**"1. Decides to extend the present mandate of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon for a further interim period of six months, that is, until 31 July 1988;**

**"2. Reiterates its strong support for the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Lebanon within its internationally recognized boundaries;**

**"3. Re-emphasizes the terms of reference and general guidelines of the Force as stated in the report of the Secretary-General of 19 March 1978, 3/ approved by resolution 426 (1978), and calls upon all parties concerned to co-operate fully with the Force for the full implementation of its mandate;**

**"4. Reiterates that the Force should fully implement its mandate as defined in resolutions 425 (1978), 426 (1978) and all other relevant resolutions;**

**"5. Requests the Secretary-General to continue consultations with the Government of Lebanon and other parties directly concerned on the implementation of the present resolution and to report to the Security Council thereon.**

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"1/ S/19445.

"2/ S/19440.

"3/ Official Records of the Security Council, Thirty-third Year, Supplement for January, February and March 1978, document 12611."

7. Special report of the Secretary-General, communications received between 14 March and 5 May 1988 and request for a meeting

378. Special report of the Secretary-General dated 14 March (S/19617) on UNIFIL.

379. Letter dated 14 March (S/19620) from the representative of Lebanon addressed to the Secretary-General.

380. Letter dated 17 March (S/19635) from the representative of Lebanon addressed to the Secretary-General.

381. Letter dated 24 March (S/19679) from the representative of Lebanon addressed to the Secretary-General.

382. Letter dated 30 March (S/19711) from the representative of Lebanon addressed to the Secretary-General.

383. Letter dated 30 March (S/19808) from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council, informing the Council of his intention to appoint Major-General Lars-Eric Wahlgren of Sweden as the new Commander of UNIFIL from 1 July 1988 to replace Major-General Gustav Högglund.

384. Letter dated 12 April (S/19758) from the representative of Lebanon addressed to the Secretary-General.

385. Letter dated 14 April (S/19775) from the representative of Lebanon addressed to the Secretary-General.

386. Letter dated 15 April (S/19794) from the representative of Lebanon addressed to the Secretary-General.

387. Letter dated 20 April (S/19807) from the representative of Lebanon addressed to the Secretary-General.

388. Letter dated 20 April (S/19809) from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General, informing the Secretary-General of the Council's agreement with his proposal to appoint Major-General Lars-Eric Wahlgren as the new Commander of UNIFIL.

389. Letter dated 29 April (S/19853) from the representative of Lebanon addressed to the Secretary-General.

390. Letter dated 3 May (S/19850) from the representative of Lebanon addressed to the Secretary-General.

391. Letter dated 5 May (S/19861) from the representative of Lebanon addressed to the President of the Security Council requesting an urgent meeting of the Council.

8. Consideration at the 2811th, 2813th and 2814th meetings (6, 9 and 10 May 1988)

392. At its 2811th meeting, on 6 May, the Council included the following item in its agenda without objection:

"The situation in the Middle East

"Letter dated 5 May 1988 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/19861)".

393. The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Saudi Arabia, the Syrian Arab Republic and Tunisia, at their request, to participate in the discussion without the right to vote.



394. The President drew attention to a letter dated 5 May (S/19867) from the representative of Algeria requesting that an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure be extended to Mr. Clovis Maksoud, observer of LAS. In the absence of objection, the President extended the invitation requested.

395. The Council began its consideration of the item by hearing statements by the representatives of Lebanon, Jordan, the Syrian Arab Republic, Israel, France, Saudi Arabia and Japan.

396. At its 2813th meeting, on 9 May, the Council continued its consideration of the item.

397. In addition to the representatives previously invited, the President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Bahrain, Qatar and Somalia, at their request, to participate in the discussion without the right to vote.

398. The President informed the Council of a letter dated 6 May (S/19870) from the representative of Algeria requesting that an invitation be extended to the observer of the PLO to participate in the debate on the item, in accordance with the Council's past practice. He added that the proposal was not made pursuant to rule 37 or 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure but that, if approved by the Council, the invitation would confer on the PLO the same rights of participation as those conferred on a Member State when it was invited to participate pursuant to rule 37.

399. The representative of the United States made a statement concerning the proposal.

Decision: At the 2813th meeting, on 9 May 1988, the proposal was adopted by 10 votes in favour (Algeria, Argentina, Brazil, China, Japan, Nepal, Senegal, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Yugoslavia and Zambia) to 1 against (United States of America), with 4 abstentions (France, Germany, Federal Republic of, Italy, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland).

400. The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution (S/19868) sponsored by Algeria, Argentina, Nepal, Senegal, Yugoslavia and Zambia, which read as follows:

"The Security Council,

"Reaffirming its resolutions 425 (1978), 426 (1978), 508 (1982) and 509 (1982), as well as all its resolutions on the situation in southern Lebanon,

"Having heard the statement of the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations, 1/

"Noting with grave concern the deterioration of the situation in southern Lebanon as a result of the recent invasion by Israeli forces,

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"1/ Official Records of the Security Council, Forty-third Year, 2811th meeting.

**"Deeply concerned by the occupation of Lebanese territory by Israeli forces,**

**"Deeply concerned also by the recent action of those forces causing heavy casualties, displacement of civilian population, the destruction of houses and property, and in particular the devastation of the entire village of Meidoun,**

**"1. Condemns the recent invasion by Israeli forces of southern Lebanon;**

**"2. Repeats its call for the immediate withdrawal of all Israeli forces from Lebanese territory and calls for the cessation of all acts that violate the sovereignty of Lebanon and the security of its civilian population;**

**"3. Reaffirms its calls for strict respect for the sovereignty of Lebanon, its independence, unity and territorial integrity within its internationally recognized boundaries;**

**"4. Reaffirms the urgent need to restore international peace and security through the implementation of the provisions of the Security Council resolutions on Lebanon, in particular resolutions 425 (1978) and 426 (1978), and resolution 509 (1982), which in particular demands that Israel withdraw all its military forces forthwith and unconditionally to the internationally recognized boundaries;**

**"5. Requests the Secretary-General to continue consultations with the Government of Lebanon and other parties directly concerned in the implementation of resolutions 425 (1978), 426 (1978), 508 (1982) and 509 (1982) and to report thereon to the Security Council;**

**"6. Decides to keep the situation in southern Lebanon under review."**

401. The Council heard statements by the representatives of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Argentina, Nepal, China, Yugoslavia, Zambia, the Federal Republic of Germany, the USSR, Brazil, Senegal, Italy, Tunisia and Qatar.

402. Statements were made by the representatives of Israel and Lebanon.

403. At its 2814th meeting, on 10 May, the Council continued its consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives of Somalia and Kuwait.

404. The representative of the PLO made a statement.

405. A statement was made by the representative of Bahrain.

406. Mr. Maksoud, to whom the Council had extended an invitation under rule 39 of its provisional rules of procedure at the 2811th meeting, made a statement.

407. A statement was made by the President, in his capacity as the representative of Algeria.

408. Statements were made by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic and Israel.

409. The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution before it (S/19868).

410. Before the vote, a statement was made by the representative of the United Kingdom.

Decision: At the 2814th meeting, on 10 May 1988, the draft resolution (S/19868) received 14 votes in favour (Algeria, Argentina, Brazil, China, France, Germany, Federal Republic of, Italy, Japan, Nepal, Senegal, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Yugoslavia and Zambia) to 1 against (United States of America), with no abstentions, and was not adopted, owing to the negative vote of a permanent member of the Council.

411. Following the vote, a statement was made by the representative of the United States.

412. The representative of Lebanon made a statement.

9. Communications received between 11 May and 15 June 1988

413. Letter dated 11 May (S/19877) from the representative of Tunisia addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the text of a statement issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Tunisia on 2 May 1988.

414. Letter dated 25 May (S/19900) from the representative of Lebanon addressed to the Secretary-General.

415. Letter dated 26 May (S/19906) from the representative of Lebanon addressed to the Secretary-General.

416. Letter dated 26 May (S/19908) from the representative of Lebanon addressed to the Secretary-General.

417. Letter dated 15 June (S/19938) from the representative of Algeria addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the text of the Final Declaration issued by the Extraordinary Arab Summit Conference, held at Algiers from 7 to 9 June 1988.

B. United Nations Disengagement Observer Force

1. Report of the Secretary-General dated 13 November 1987

418. Report of the Secretary-General dated 13 November 1987 (S/19263), containing an account of the activities of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF) for the period from 18 May to 13 November 1987, submitted prior to the expiration of the mandate of the Force on 30 November.

2. Consideration at the 2769th meeting (25 November 1987)

419. At its 2769th meeting, on 25 November, the Council included the following item in its agenda without objection:

"The situation in the Middle East

"Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (S/19263)".

420. The President drew attention to a draft resolution (S/19296) before the Council that had been prepared in the course of the Council's consultations, which he proposed to put to the vote.

Decision: At the 2769th meeting, on 25 November 1987, the draft resolution (S/19296) was adopted unanimously as resolution 603 (1987).

421. Resolution 603 (1987) reads as follows:

"The Security Council,

"Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force, 1/

"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 31 May 1988;

"(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).

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"1/ S/19263."

422. On behalf of the Security Council, the President made the following complementary statement (S/19301) on behalf of the Security Council regarding resolution 603 (1987):

"As is known, the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force 1/ states, in paragraph 24: '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.

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"1/ S/19263."

3. Report of the Secretary-General dated 20 May 1988

423. Report of the Secretary-General dated 20 May (S/19895), containing an account of the activities of UNDOF for the period from 14 November 1987 to 20 May 1988, submitted prior to the expiration of the mandate of the Force on 31 May.

4. Consideration at the 2815th meeting (31 May 1988)

424. At its 2815th meeting, on 31 May, the Council included the following item in its agenda without objection:

"The situation in the Middle East.

"Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (S/19895)".

4 5. The President drew attention to a draft resolution (S/19911) before the Council that had been prepared in the course of the Council's consultations, which he proposed to put to the vote.

Decision: At the 2815th meeting, on 31 May 1988, the draft resolution (S/19911) was adopted unanimously as resolution 613 (1988).

426. Resolution 613 (1988) reads as follows:

"The Security Council,

"Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force, 1/

"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 1988;

"(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).

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"1/ S/19895."

427. On behalf of the Security Council, the President made the following complementary statement (S/19912) on behalf of the Security Council regarding resolution 613 (1988):

"As is known, the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force 1/ states, in paragraph 24: '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.

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"1/ S/19895."

**C. Other aspects of the situation in the Middle East**

**Communications received between 15 July 1987 and 15 June 1988 and reports of the Secretary-General**

428. Letter dated 15 July 1987 (S/18978) from the representative of Denmark addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the text of a declaration concerning the Middle East adopted on 13 July at Copenhagen by the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the 12 States members of the European Community.

429. Letter dated 9 September (S/19122) from the Chairman of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People addressed to the Secretary-General.

430. Letter dated 12 October (S/19216) from the representative of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, in his capacity as current Chairman of the Group of Arab States, addressed to the Secretary-General.

431. Letter dated 27 October (S/19237) from the representative of Zimbabwe addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the text of the communiqué adopted at the Meeting of the Co-ordinating Bureau of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries held in New York on 16 October, in connection with the mission of the PLO at the United Nations.

432. Report of the Secretary-General dated 13 November (S/19249) covering developments in the Middle East in all their aspects, submitted in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 41/162 A of 4 December 1986.

433. Letter dated 17 November (S/19274) from the representative of Jordan addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the text of the Final Declaration issued by the Extraordinary Arab Summit Conference, held at Amman, Jordan, from 8 to 11 November 1987.

434. Letter dated 7 December (S/19322) from the representative of Denmark addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the text of a declaration on the Middle East by the Heads of State and Government of the 12 States members of the European Community, issued after the meeting of the European Council at Copenhagen on 4 and 5 December 1987.

435. Letter dated 20 January 1988 (S/19442) from the representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the text of a letter dated 19 January from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the USSR to the Secretary-General.

436. Letter dated 4 February (S/19479) from the representative of Japan addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the text of a statement issued on 4 February by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan.

437. Note dated 24 February (S/19529) by the Secretary-General drawing the Council's attention to General Assembly resolution 42/28 of 30 November 1987, entitled "Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East", and conveying excerpts therefrom.

438. Note dated 24 February (S/19531) by the Secretary-General drawing the Council's attention to General Assembly resolution 42/44 of 30 November 1987, entitled "Israeli nuclear armament", and conveying excerpts therefrom.

439. Note dated 24 February (S/19532) by the Secretary-General drawing the Council's attention to General Assembly resolution 42/66 of 2 December 1987, entitled "Question of Palestine", and conveying excerpts therefrom.
440. Note dated 24 February (S/19535) by the Secretary-General drawing the Council's attention to General Assembly resolution 42/160 of 8 December 1987, entitled "Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Population of the Occupied Territories", and conveying excerpts therefrom.
441. Note dated 24 February (S/19536) by the Secretary-General drawing the Council's attention to General Assembly resolution 42/209 of 11 December 1987, entitled "The situation in the Middle East", and conveying excerpts therefrom.
442. Letter dated 26 February (S/19549 and Corr.1) from the representative of Spain addressed to the Secretary-General conveying the text of a communiqué concerning the situation in the Middle East, adopted unanimously by the Congress of Deputies of Spain.
443. Letter dated 7 March (S/19592) from the representative of Israel addressed to the Secretary-General.
444. Letter dated 14 March (S/19616) from the representative of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the text of a letter from the Secretary of the People's Committee of the People's Bureau for Foreign Liaison of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya to the Secretary-General.
445. Letter dated 14 March (S/19623) from the representative of Algeria addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the text of the statement made on 12 March by the spokesman for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Algeria.
446. Letter dated 17 March (S/19642) from the representative of Saudi Arabia addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting a communiqué issued at Riyadh on 16 March by the twenty-sixth session of the Ministerial Council of the Gulf Co-operation Council.
447. Letter dated 28 March (S/19699) from the representative of Israel addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the text of a statement of the spokesman for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Israel, issued on 25 March.
448. Report of the Secretary-General dated 31 March (S/19719) in which he outlined his recent efforts, including his consultations with members of the Security Council and the parties concerned, submitted in accordance with General Assembly resolution 42/66 D of 2 December 1987 on the question of convening an International Peace Conference on the Middle East.
449. Letter dated 5 April (S/19742) from the representative of Mongolia addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the text of a statement made by a spokesman for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mongolia, dated 15 March.
450. Letter dated 5 April (S/19754) from the representatives of Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the joint Nordic statement issued by the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Nordic States at their meeting at Tromsø, Norway, on 23 and 24 March 1988.

451. Letter dated 12 April (S/19758) from the representative of Lebanon addressed to the Secretary-General.

452. Letter dated 20 April (S/19807) from the representative of Lebanon addressed to the Secretary-General.

453. Letter dated 6 June (S/19928) from the representative of Yemen addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the text of the letter from the President of Yemen to the General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the USSR, and to the President of the United States of America, on the occasion of their summit meeting at Moscow.

454. Letter dated 15 June (S/19938) from the representative of Algeria addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the text of the Final Declaration issued by the Extraordinary Arab Summit Conference, held at Algiers from 7 to 9 June 1988.