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Introduction

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The Council continued to monitor the situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question, on a regular basis, including through its monthly briefings. The question of Lebanon also dominated the attention of the Council. By its resolution 1701 (2006) of 11 August 2006, the Council called for a full cessation of hostilities and emphasized the need to address urgently the causes that had given rise to the crisis. The Council followed closely the implementation of resolution 1701 (2006) and other issues concerning Lebanon, including the implementation of resolution 1559 (2004), the International Independent Investigation Commission and the Special Tribunal for Lebanon.

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Middle East

The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question

The Security Council continued to consider the situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question, on a regular basis, with monthly briefings by senior Secretariat staff. The Council held seven open debates on the situation in the Middle East, two of which were at ministerial level.

On 11 November 2006, a draft resolution (S/2006/878) introduced by the delegation of Qatar was put to the vote, but was not adopted owing to the negative vote of the United States of America, a permanent member. There were 10 votes in favour of the draft resolution (Argentina, China, Congo, France, Ghana, Greece, Peru, Qatar, Russian Federation, United Republic of Tanzania) and 4 abstentions (Denmark, Japan, Slovakia, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland).

On 6 December, the Council issued a statement to the press in which it welcomed the agreement between Israel and the Palestinian Authority establishing a mutual ceasefire in Gaza and hoped that it would lead to a period of sustained calm.

On 12 December, subsequent to an open debate, the Council adopted a presidential statement (S/PRST/2006/51), in which inter alia it expressed deep concern over the situation in the Middle East and its serious ramifications for peace and security, and underlined the need to intensify efforts to achieve a just, lasting and comprehensive peace in the region, based on all relevant Council resolutions. It also reaffirmed the vital role of the Quartet.

In December, a comprehensive report of the Secretary-General on the situation in the Middle East and the peace process during the previous 10 years (S/2006/956) was before the Council. The Secretary-General reported to the Council that tensions in the Middle East were near the breaking point and that attaining a final settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict had defeated the best efforts of several generations of world leaders. He warned that the region was in a profound crisis owing to deep mistrust between Israelis and Palestinians. He stated that the failure to achieve a just and comprehensive solution to the long-festering Arab-Israeli conflict remained the main underlying source of frustration and instability in the region. He called on both parties to recognize in each other the desire to resolve the conflict.

The Council also received briefings from the Secretary-General on his visits to the region and was updated on the activities of the Quartet.

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Lebanon

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On 18 July, in consultations of the whole, the Council heard two briefings, one by the United Nations Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process, Michael Williams, on the Secretary-General's latest report on the implementation of resolution 1701 (2006) (S/2007/392) and the report of the Lebanon Independent Border Assessment Team (S/2007/382), and the other by the Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations on the work of UNIFIL. The members of the Council reiterated the importance of the full implementation of all provisions of resolution 1701 (2006) and expected all concerned parties to cooperate fully with the Council and the Secretary-General to achieve a permanent ceasefire and a long-term solution, as envisioned in the resolution.

Implementation of resolution 1559 (2004)

On 30 October 2006, in consultations of the whole, the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the implementation of Security Council resolution 1559 (2004), Terje Roed-Larsen, briefed the Council on the latest report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of that resolution (S/2006/832). Following the consultations, the Council adopted a presidential statement (S/PRST/2006/43), in which it reaffirmed its support for the sovereignty, territorial integrity, unity and political independence of Lebanon and commended the Government for extending its authority throughout the whole of Lebanese territory, particularly in the south.

On 11 June 2007, the Council held consultations of the whole with the Special Envoy. Following the meeting, the Council adopted a presidential statement (S/PRST/2007/17) reiterating its deep concern at mounting information by Israel and other States of illegal movements of arms into Lebanon, in particular across the Lebanese-Syrian border. The Council regretted that some provisions of resolution 1559 (2004) had yet to be fully implemented, particularly the disbanding and disarming of Lebanese and non-Lebanese militias and strict respect for the sovereignty, territorial integrity and independence of Lebanon. The Council also condemned the ongoing criminal and terrorist acts in Lebanon, including those perpetrated by Fatah al-Islam, and underlined the need to protect and assist civilians, among them the Palestinian refugees.

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Part II

Questions considered by the Security Council under its responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security

Chapter 1

Items relating to the situation in the Middle East

A. The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question

Meetings of the Council

5515 (22 August 2006); 5530 (21 September 2006); 5552 (19 October 2006); 5564 (9 November 2006); 5565 (11 November 2006); 5568 (21 November 2006); 5624 (25 January 2007); 5629 (13 February 2007); 5638 (14 March 2007); 5667 (25 April 2007); 5683 (24 May 2007); 5701 (20 June 2007); 5723 (25 July 2007)

Consultations of the whole

7 September; 8 and 10 November; 5 and 6 December 2006; 9 and 25 January; 14 March; 5 April; 23, 24 and 30 May; 1, 8, 11 and 20 June; 25 and 26 July 2007

Reports of the Secretary-General

<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Date submitted</i>	<i>In response to</i>
S/2006/748	19 September 2006	General Assembly resolution 60/39

Communications received from 1 August 2006 to 31 July 2007

S/2006/718	1 August 2006	Letter from the representative of Malaysia to the Secretary-General
S/2006/608	3 August 2006	Letter from the representative of Malaysia to the President of the Security Council
S/2006/613	3 August 2006	Identical letters from the observer of Palestine to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council
S/2006/623	7 August 2006	Identical letters from the observer of Palestine to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council
S/2006/650	9 August 2006	Letter from the representative of Azerbaijan to the Secretary-General
S/2006/641	11 August 2006	Identical letters from the observer of Palestine to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council
S/2006/659	16 August 2006	Letter from the representative of Costa Rica to

		the Secretary-General
S/2006/669	21 August 2006	Identical letters from the observer of Palestine to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council
S/2006/676	21 August 2006	Letter from the observer of Palestine to the President of the Security Council
S/2006/694	25 August 2006	Letter from the representative of El Salvador to the Secretary-General
S/2006/696	28 August 2006	Identical letters from the observer of Palestine to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council
S/2006/700	30 August 2006	Letter from the observer of the League of Arab States to the President of the Security Council
S/2006/704	31 August 2006	Identical letters from the observer of Palestine to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council
S/2006/780	19 September 2006	Letter from the representative of Cuba to the Secretary-General
S/2006/752	21 September 2006	Letter from the observer of Palestine to the President of the Security Council
S/2006/798	3 October 2006	Identical letters from the representative of Israel to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council
S/2006/788	4 October 2006	Identical letters from the observer of Palestine to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council
S/2006/808	12 October 2006	Identical letters from the observer of Palestine to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council
S/2006/818	16 October 2006	Identical letters from the observer of Palestine to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council
S/2006/827	17 October 2006	Letter from the observer of Palestine to the President of the Security Council
S/2006/843	25 October 2006	Identical letters from the observer of Palestine to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council
S/2006/858	1 November 2006	Identical letters from the observer of Palestine to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council
S/2006/862	3 November 2006	Identical letters from the observer of Palestine to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council
S/2006/868	6 November 2006	Letter from the representative of Qatar to the President of the Security Council
S/2006/869	7 November 2006	Letter from the representative of Azerbaijan to the President of the Security Council
S/2006/871	8 November 2006	Letter from the representative of Cuba to the President of the Security Council
S/2006/872	8 November 2006	Identical letters from the observer of Palestine to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council
S/2006/873	8 November 2006	Letter from the observer of Palestine to the President of the Security Council
S/2006/876	9 November 2006	Letter from the representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the Secretary-General
S/2006/882	9 November 2006	Letter from the representative of Cuba to the President of the Security Council
S/2006/886	13 November 2006	Letter from the observer of the League of Arab States to the President of the Security Council
S/2006/887	14 November 2006	Identical letters from the representative of Israel to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council
S/2006/891	15 November 2006	Identical letters from the representative of Israel to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council
S/2006/904	20 November 2006	Letter from the observer of Palestine to the President of the Security Council
S/2006/916	22 November 2006	Identical letters from the representative of Israel to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council
S/2006/925	29 November 2006	Letter from the representative of the Russian

S/2006/941	5 December 2006	Federation to the Secretary-General Identical letters from the representative of Israel to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council
S/2006/949	7 December 2006	Letter from the representative of the United Arab Emirates to the Secretary-General
S/2006/959	8 December 2006	Letter from the representative of Azerbaijan to the Secretary-General
S/2006/1016	12 December 2006	Identical letters from the observer of Palestine to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council
S/2006/1000	18 December 2006	Identical letters from the representative of Israel to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council
S/2006/1029	25 December 2006	Identical letters from the representative of Israel to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council
S/2007/1	2 January 2007	Identical letters from the observer of Palestine to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council
S/2007/5	4 January 2007	Identical letters from the observer of Palestine to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council
S/2007/23	18 January 2007	Identical letters from the representative of Israel to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council
S/2007/35	23 January 2007	Letter from the representative of Cuba to the Secretary-General
S/2007/37	24 January 2007	Identical letters from the observer of Palestine to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council
S/2007/49	25 January 2007	Letter from the representative of Cuba to the President of the Security Council
S/2007/58	6 February 2007	Identical letters from the observer of Palestine to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council
S/2007/60	6 February 2007	Identical letters from the representative of Israel to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council
S/2007/75	9 February 2007	Identical letters from the observer of Palestine to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council
S/2007/76	9 February 2007	Letter from the representative of Azerbaijan to the Secretary-General
S/2007/80	9 February 2007	Identical letters from the representative of Kuwait to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council
S/2007/83	12 February 2007	Letter from the observer of Palestine to the President of the Security Council
S/2007/103	12 February 2007	Letter from the representative of Egypt to the Secretary-General
S/2007/101	21 February 2007	Identical letters from the representative of Israel to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council
S/2007/109	26 February 2007	Identical letters from the observer of Palestine to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council
S/2007/117	27 February 2007	Identical letters from the representative of Kuwait to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council
S/2007/119	1 March 2007	Identical letters from the observer of Palestine to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council
S/2007/129	7 March 2007	Identical letters from the representative of Israel to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council
S/2007/146	13 March 2007	Letter from the representative of Cuba to the President of the Security Council
S/2007/157	20 March 2007	Identical letters from the representative of Israel to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council
S/2007/161	20 March 2007	Letter from the representative of Cuba to the Secretary-General

S/2007/197	9 April 2007	Letter from the representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the Secretary-General
S/2007/192	10 April 2007	Identical letters from the observer of Palestine to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council
S/2007/358	12 April 2007	Letter from the observer of the League of Arab States to the President of the Security Council
S/2007/217	17 April 2007	Identical letters from the representative of Israel to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council
S/2007/228	19 April 2007	Letter from the observer of Palestine to the President of the Security Council
S/2007/225	23 April 2007	Identical letters from the observer of Palestine to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council
S/2007/232	23 April 2007	Letter from the observer of the League of Arab States to the President of the Security Council
S/2007/252	24 April 2007	Letter from the representative of Israel to the Secretary-General
S/2007/230	25 April 2007	Letter from the representative of Cuba to the President of the Security Council
S/2007/270	10 May 2007	Identical letters from the representative of Israel to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council
S/2007/292	15 May 2007	Letter from the Secretary-General to the President of the Security Council
S/2007/285	16 May 2007	Identical letters from the representative of Israel to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council
S/2007/291	17 May 2007	Identical letters from the observer of Palestine to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council
S/2007/293	18 May 2007	Letter from the President of the Security Council to the Secretary-General
S/2007/298	21 May 2007	Identical letters from the observer of Palestine to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council
S/2007/360	23 May 2007	Letter from the representative of South Africa to the President of the Security Council
S/2007/308	24 May 2007	Identical letters from the observer of Palestine to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council
S/2007/309	24 May 2007	Letter from the representative of Pakistan to the Secretary-General
S/2007/310	24 May 2007	Letter from the representative of Cuba to the Secretary-General
S/2007/316	29 May 2007	Identical letters from the representative of Israel to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council
S/2007/318	30 May 2007	Identical letters from the representative of Lebanon to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council
S/2007/322	30 May 2007	Identical letters from the observer of Palestine to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council
S/2007/337	6 June 2007	Letter from the representative of Cuba to the Secretary-General
S/2007/345	7 June 2007	Letter from the representative of Cuba to the Secretary-General
S/2007/348	12 June 2007	Identical letters from the representative of Lebanon to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council
S/2007/373	20 June 2007	Identical letters from the observer of Palestine to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council
S/2007/382	26 June 2007	Letter from the Secretary-General to the President of the Security Council
S/2007/387	27 June 2007	Identical letters from the observer of Palestine to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council
S/2007/397	29 June 2007	Identical letters from the observer of Palestine to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

S/2007/405	3 July 2007	Identical letters from the observer of Palestine to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council
S/2007/411	5 July 2007	Identical letters from the observer of Palestine to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council
S/2007/428	10 July 2007	Letter from the representative of France to the President of the Security Council
S/2007/431	16 July 2007	Identical letters from the representative of the Syrian Arab Republic to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council
S/2007/433	16 July 2007	Letter from the representative of Cuba to the Secretary-General
S/2007/459	26 July 2007	Identical letters from the observer of Palestine to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

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5. The situation in the Middle East

Meetings of the Council

5584 (12 December 2006)

Consultations of the whole

11 December 2006; 23 May 2007

Presidential statements

S/PRST/2006/51

Reports of the Secretary-General

<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Date submitted</i>	
S/2006/956	11 December 2006	

Communications received from 1 August 2006 to 31 July 2007

S/2006/960	11 December 2006	Letter from the observer of Palestine to the President of the Security Council
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