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I have the honour to refer to the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) whose mandate has just been extended by the Security Council for a further period of three months until 19 July 1986.

As indicated in my report of 9 April 1986 (S/17965), Lieutenant-General William Callaghan, who has been Commander of UNIFIL since February 1981, will relinquish his command in May 1986. It is my intention, subject to the usual consultations, to appoint Major-General Gustav Hägglund of Finland as the new Commander of UNIFIL in place of General Callaghan. General Hägglund, who is now the Commander of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF), would take up his new post on 1 June 1986, immediately after the expiry of the current mandate of UNDOF.

I should be grateful if you would bring this matter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(Signed) Javier PEREZ de CUELLAR