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### NOTE BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

At the 2642nd meeting of the Security Council, held on 17 January 1986, the President of the Security Council made the following statement on behalf of the members of the Security Council.

"On the occasion of the fortieth anniversary of the first meeting of the Security Council and the inauguration on the 1st of January of the International Year of Peace, the members of the Security Council wish to reaffirm their commitment to the Charter of the United Nations which conferred on the Council the primary responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security. At the first meeting of the Council in London forty years ago, its members assumed this special responsibility in the conviction that it would prove a new beginning of the continuing quest for lasting peace and security.

"Although peace has been preserved on a global basis for forty years, conflicts and tensions persist. Over the course of the two thousand and six hundred meetings, the Security Council has debated the most pressing issues of peace and security. The inauguration of the International Year of Peace provides an added impetus for the members of the Council to enhance the effectiveness of the Security Council in discharging its principal role of maintaining international peace and security. They call again upon the entire membership of the United Nations to abide by their obligations under the Charter to accept and carry out decisions of the Security Council. Let us hope that 1986 and the years to come will bring the progress which is so urgently needed for the safeguarding of peace for future generations."

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