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LETTER DATED 30 OCTOBER 1978 FROM THE PERMANENT
REPRESENTATIVE OF LEBANON TO THE UNITED NATIONS
ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to inform you that the Council of the League of Arab States, meeting in Cairo on Thursday, 26 October 1978, decided to renew the mandate of the Arab Peace-keeping Force for six months.

Earlier, as you have already been informed, the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the States contributing to this Force (Syria, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates and Qatar), at the invitation of the President of the Lebanese Republic, held a meeting at the Palace of Beit ed Dine. President Sarkis himself presided over the meetings which were also attended by the President of the Council, Dr. Salim El-Hoss, and the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Fouad Boutros.

Eight resolutions were adopted at this meeting and were made public on Tuesday, 17 October 1978. These resolutions concerned the possible renewal of the mandate of the Arab Peace-keeping Force and the framework within which the new mandate was to be carried out. I attach hereto a copy of the resolutions, so that they may be circulated as an official document of the Security Council.

Subsequently, at its weekly meeting held on 25 October 1978, the Council of Ministers adopted a programme for the implementation of these resolutions. A set of measures was also adopted to ensure full observance of the cease-fire proclaimed on 6 October 1978, which continues to be observed over a wide area, including the city of Beirut.

I take this opportunity to transmit to you the thanks of the Lebanese Government for your continuous and invaluable efforts to restore peace to Lebanon.

(Signed) Ghassan TUENI
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex

The eight resolutions of Beit ed Dine

1. It is necessary to establish the unity, independence, sovereignty and territorial security of Lebanon within the framework of its democratic régime, together with the exercise by the State of its authority over the whole of Lebanese territory, the removal of any armed presence and position to make way for the establishment of a strong central authority capable of rebuilding the State institutions affected by events, as part of the strengthening of the unity of the territory and people of this country;
2. The elimination of all armed presences and the collection of arms, the unlawful carrying of which shall be prohibited;
3. The strict and full implementation of the resolutions of the Riyadh and Cairo summits;
4. The halting of information campaigns with a view to preserving the unity of the country, enforcement of the law governing the press and the prohibition of all illegal audio-visual information media;
5. The preparation of a time-table for the constitution of the army on a national balanced basis, with a view to enabling it to play its role in promoting national security and to replace the Arab Peace-keeping Force in Lebanon;
6. Action with a view to achieving national understanding among all parties to the conflict, in order to promote national unity and the adoption of reforms designed to consolidate national unity and to help in eliminating the causes of the conflagration in Lebanon;
7. The enforcement of the law against all those collaborating with the Israeli enemy and the condemnation of all forms of co-operation, on the basis of Lebanon's membership in the Arab world;
8. The establishment of a liaison commission, including representatives of Saudi Arabia, the Syrian Arab Republic and the State of Kuwait, to be placed at the disposal of the President of the Republic and to carry out any mission which he may assign to it, in accordance with the principles and bases referred to above.
