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NOTE VERBALE DATED 9 AUGUST 1979 FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL  
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

The Secretary-General of the United Nations presents his compliments to the President of the Security Council and has the honour to refer to the establishment of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF).

When the Iranian battalion was repatriated in March 1979, the Secretary-General took action, after consultation with the Security Council and as a temporary measure, to transfer a company of the Finnish battalion of the United Nations Emergency Force to UNDOF. The replacement of the Iranian battalion by a Finnish company resulted in a reduction of 139 men in the total strength of UNDOF. As a consequence, the workload of the contingents has markedly increased and the number of UNDOF daily patrols has had to be reduced from 35 to 18.

The Government of Finland has now informed the Secretary-General of its willingness to bring the strength of its contingent with UNDOF to 390, which was the strength of the battalion it has replaced. It is the intention of the Secretary-General, subject to the usual consultations, to accept the offer of the Government of Finland and to make the necessary arrangements to this effect.

The Secretary-General would be grateful if the President of the Security Council would bring this matter to the attention of the members of the Council.

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