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Further report on the status of the cease-fire
in the Middle East

The following information has been received from the Acting Chief of Staff of UNTSO regarding the situation in the Israel-Syria sector on 18 March 1974:

1. Reports on ground activity:

(a) Patrol 34 (AMR 2534-2937), 1/ Patrol 35 (AMR 2532-2852) and Patrol 44 (AMR 2519-2911): At 0750 2/ and ceasing immediately machine-gun fire by unidentified forces west of Patrol 44. Between 0854 and 0903 and between 1105 and 1142 and between 1420 and 1556 artillery fire by Syrian forces. Between 1006 and 1033 and between 1122 and 1145 and between 1506 and 1508 artillery fire by Israel forces. Between 1032 and 1051 and between 1429 and 1441 mortar fire by Syrian forces. Between 1052 and 1120 mortar fire by Israel forces.

(b) Patrol 32 (AMR 2345-3054), Patrol 38 (AMR 2395-3040) and Patrol 41 (AMR 2367-3026): Between 0900 and 1000 and between 1057 and 1138 machine-gun fire by Syrian and Israel forces (exchange of fire). Between 0903 and 1010 mortar fire by Syrian and Israel forces (exchange of fire). Between 0928 and 1147 and between 1458 and 1602 artillery fire by Syrian forces. Between 0929 and 1205 and between 1455 and 1602 artillery and mortar fire by Israel forces. Between 1002 and 1123 and between 1507 and 1546 mortar fire by Syrian forces. Between 1004 and 1125 tank fire by Israel forces.

(c) Patrol 31 (AMR 2449-2982) and Patrol 42 (AMR 2431-2961): Between 0959 and 1207 and between 1509 and 1601 artillery fire by Israel forces. Between 1009 and 1145 and between 1513 and 1542 artillery fire by Syrian forces. Between 1049 and 1050 rocket fire by Syrian forces. Between 1052 and 1116 and between 1527 and 1534 tank fire by Israel forces. Between 1458 and 1601 mortar fire by Syrian forces.

(d) OP Two (AMR 2306-2736), OP Five (AMR 2290-2787), Patrol 33 (AMR 2444-2814), Patrol 37 (AMR 2320-2790) and Patrol 43 (AMR 2395-2816): Between

1/ AMR - approximate map reference.

2/ All times GMT.

1015 and 1220 and between 1447 and 1604 artillery fire by Israel forces. Between 1022 and 1210 and between 1505 and 1602 artillery fire by Syrian forces. Between 1032 and 1204 mortar fire by Israel forces. Between 1039 and 1138 and between 1502 and 1540 tank fire by Syrian forces. Between 1104 and 1110 and between 1540 and 1550 mortar fire by Syrian forces. Between 1120 and 1204 and between 1451 and 1524 tank fire by Israel forces. Between 1536 and 1537 rocket fire by Israel forces.

(e) OP Uniform (AMR 2366-2621), OP Three (AMR 2308-2678) and OP Four (AMR 2327-2596): Between 1123 and 1212 artillery fire by Israel and Syrian forces (exchange of fire). Between 1126 and 1215 and between 1517 and 1559 tank fire by Israel forces. Between 1455 and 1623 artillery fire by Israel forces. Between 1511 and 1623 artillery fire by Syrian forces. Between 1530 and 1538 rocket fire by Syrian forces.

2. Cease-fire proposals:

At 1045 a cease-fire was proposed to commence at 1145. The proposal was not accepted. At 1213 a cease-fire was proposed to commence at 1315. Both parties accepted the proposal at 1220; firing ceased at that time but resumed later. At 1501 a cease-fire was proposed to commence at 1600. Both parties accepted the proposal at 1538 and firing ceased at 1623.

3. Complaints by the parties:

(a) Complaints have been received from Syria alleging that on 16 March:

- (i) At 1130 three Israel forces tanks were observed moving forward and taking up new positions and at the same time Israel forces personnel laid mines in the same location.
- (ii) At 1410 artillery fire by Israel forces fell on a civilian farm at AMR 2522-3054.

The above complaints were not confirmed by United Nations observation.

(b) Complaints have been received from Israel alleging that:

On 16 March:

- (i) At 1130 and 1200 Syrian forces opened artillery fire south of Kafar Nassej (AMR 2475-2842).
- (ii) At 1230 and 1415 Syrian forces opened artillery fire in the Tell Ech Chams (AMR 2430-2950) area.
- (iii) At 1330 and 1335 Syrian forces opened artillery fire in the area of Mazraat Beit Jinn (AMR 2358-3015).
- (iv) At 1520 Syrian forces opened anti-tank fire east of the Tell Ech Chams area.

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On 17 March:

- (v) At 0845 Syrian forces opened artillery fire north-west of Tell Ech Chams.
- (vi) At 0845 and 0955 Syrian forces opened artillery fire south of Mazraat Beit Jinn.
- (vii) At 0925 Syrian forces opened fire on the Ain Ziquane kibbutz (south of Quneitra (AMR 2277-2822)).
- (viii) At 0930 and 0955 Syrian forces opened heavy artillery fire in the Tell Chams area.
- (ix) At 0950 and 1050 Syrian forces opened artillery fire in Harfa (AMR 2352-2967).
- (x) At 1040 Syrian forces opened artillery fire 10 kilometres south of Quneitra.

Complaints (i), (ii) and (iii) were confirmed by United Nations observation (see S/11057/Add.363, para. 1 (a), (g) and (h)). Complaints (v), (vi) and (viii) were also confirmed (see S/11057/Add.365, para. 1 (d) and (e)). Complaints (vii), (ix) and (x) were not confirmed; however, there was artillery fire in the general areas at the times mentioned. Complaint (iv) was not confirmed.
