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Held at Headquarters, New York,
on Tuesday, 30 May 1989, at 11.00 a.m.

President: Sir Crispin TICKELL

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The meeting was called to order at 11.10 a.m.

EXPRESSION OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING PRESIDENT

The PRESIDENT: As this is the first meeting of the Security Council for the month of May, I should like to pay tribute to my predecessor, Mr. Aleksandr Belonogov, Permanent Representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, for his service as President of the Council for the month of April. I am sure I speak for all members of the Council in expressing our appreciation of the skill and dynamism with which he conducted the business of the Council last month.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was adopted.

THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON THE UNITED NATIONS DISENGAGEMENT OBSERVER FORCE (S/20651)

The PRESIDENT: The Security Council will now begin its consideration of the item on its agenda.

Members of the Council have before them the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force for the period 18 November 1988 to 22 May 1989 (S/20651).

Members of the Council also have before them a draft resolution, contained in document S/20656, which has been prepared in the course of the Council's consultations.

Unless I hear any objection, I shall now put the draft resolution to the vote. There being no objection, it is so decided.

A vote was taken by show of hands.

In favour: Algeria, Brazil, Canada, China, Colombia, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Malaysia, Nepal, Senegal, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America and Yugoslavia.

The PRESIDENT: There were 15 votes in favour. The draft resolution has therefore been adopted unanimously as resolution 633 (1989).

In connection with the resolution just adopted on the renewal of the mandate of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force, I have been authorized to make the following complementary statement on behalf of the Security Council:

"As is known, the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (S/20651) states, in paragraph 24:

'Despite the present quiet in the Israel-Syria sector, the situation in the Middle East as a whole continues to be potentially dangerous and is likely to remain so, unless and until a comprehensive settlement covering all aspects of the Middle East problem can be reached.'

"That statement of the Secretary-General reflects the view of the Security Council."

The Security Council has thus concluded the present stage of its consideration of the item on its agenda.

The meeting rose at 11.15 a.m.