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TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to refer to the establishment and functioning of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) in pursuance of Security Council resolutions 425 (1978) and 426 (1978) of 19 March 1978.

The Norwegian Government notified me some time ago that it would be withdrawing the Norwegian medical unit from UNIFIL shortly after the expiration of the current mandate. I have therefore taken steps to find a replacement.

The Government of Sweden has now informed me that it is willing to make a replacement medical unit available for service with UNIFIL. It is my intention to accept this offer, subject to the usual consultations and on the understanding that the necessary practical arrangements will be finalized only if and when the Security Council decides to extend the mandate of UNIFIL.

I should be most grateful if you would bring this matter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(Signed) Kurt WALDHEIM
