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Held at Headquarters, New York,
on Friday, 29 May 1987, at 11.30 a.m.

President: Mr. LI Luye

(China)

Members: Argentina
Bulgaria
Congo
France
Germany, Federal Republic of
Ghana
Italy
Japan
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
United Arab Emirates
United Kingdom of Great Britain and
Northern Ireland
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The meeting was called to order at 11.35 a.m.

EXPRESSION OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING PRESIDENT

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Chinese): As this is the first meeting of the Security Council for the month of May, I should like to pay tribute, on behalf of the Council, to His Excellency Mr. Boris Tsvetkov, Permanent Representative of Bulgaria to the United Nations, for his service as President of the Security Council for the month of April 1987. I am sure I speak for all members of the Council in expressing deep appreciation to Ambassador Tsvetkov for the great diplomatic skill with which he conducted the Council's business 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/18868)

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Chinese): 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 13 November 1986 to 17 May 1987 (S/18868). Members of the Council also have before them a draft resolution, contained in document S/18881, which has been prepared in the course of the Council's consultations.

Unless I hear any objection, I shall put the draft resolution to the vote now.

There being no objection, it is so decided.

A vote was taken by show of hands.

In favour: Argentina, Bulgaria, China, Congo, France, Germany, Federal Republic of, Ghana, Italy, Japan, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Venezuela, Zambia

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Chinese): There were 15 votes in favour. The draft resolution has therefore been adopted unanimously as resolution 596 (1987).

(The President)

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/18868) 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 11.40 a.m.