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LUXEMBOURG TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to inform you that, at a meeting of the European Council in Luxembourg, on 2 December 1980, the Heads of State and Government and the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the nine members of the European Community issued a statement on the situation in Lebanon, the text of which reads as follows:

"The situation in Lebanon, the latest developments in which continue to arouse deep concern, was again considered by the European Council.

The Nine wish to reaffirm that the unity, independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of Lebanon must be fully respected. That is an essential prerequisite if the legitimate Government of Lebanon is to be able to restore peace throughout the territory. Lebanon belongs to the Lebanese and they alone are responsible for laying down the rules for their coexistence.

In that spirit the Nine are again calling for respect for the integrity of Lebanon's frontiers and the security of its population. Indeed, respect for Lebanon's international frontiers is one of the basic elements of security and stability in the region.

As they stated in Venice on 13 June, the Nine would like UNIFIL to be enabled to carry out the mandate entrusted to it by the Security Council.

The European Council reaffirms that one of the aims of the action by the Nine for the promotion of peace in the Near East is the restoration to Lebanon of the integrity of its frontiers and the full exercise of its national sovereignty."

I should be grateful if you could have the text of this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Paul PETERS
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Permanent Representative of
Luxembourg to the United Nations