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NOTE BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

1. On 30 November 1976, the President of the Security Council received the following communication from the Secretary-General:

"I have the honour to inform you that I have agreed to release Lieutenant-General Bengt Liljestrand from his assignment as Commander of the United Nations Emergency Force (UNEF) as from 1 December 1976.

"I should like to take this opportunity to pay a warm tribute to General Liljestrand. He has served with the United Nations since April 1974, first as Chief of Staff of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization in Palestine (UNTSO) and since August 1975 as Commander of UNEF. In both assignments General Liljestrand has performed the important tasks assigned to him with courage and devotion, often in very difficult circumstances.

"I am proceeding with the necessary consultations prior to the designation of a replacement for General Liljestrand. I shall, of course, report to the Security Council and seek its consent on this matter as soon as possible. In the meantime, the Deputy Commander of UNEF, Major-General Rais Abin, will officiate as Acting Commander of the Force.

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

On receipt of this communication and in accordance with its last paragraph, the President of the Security Council had it circulated to the members of the Council.

2. On 7 January 1977, the President of the Security Council received the following further communication from the Secretary-General on the same issue:

"I have the honour to refer to the United Nations Emergency Force (UNEF), established in pursuance of Security Council resolutions 340 (1973) and 341 (1973).

"As indicated in my letter of 30 November 1976, Lieutenant-General Bengt Liljestrand relinquished the command of UNEF on 1 December 1976. Since that time, Major-General Rais Abin, the Deputy Commander of UNEF, has been officiating as Acting Commander of the Force.

"Following consultation with the parties concerned, it is my intention, if the Security Council so consents, to appoint General Rais Abin as Commander of UNEF.

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

Accordingly, the President of the Security Council had the letter circulated to the members of the Security Council.

3. On 11 January 1977, the President of the Security Council, after consultations with all members of the Council, addressed the following reply to the Secretary-General:

"The President of the Security Council presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to refer to the Secretary-General's note dated 7 January 1977 with regard to the intention of the Secretary-General, if the Security Council so consents, to appoint Major-General Rais Abin as Commander of the United Nations Emergency Force (UNEF).

"On the basis of consultations with the members of the Security Council, the President wishes to inform the Secretary-General that the Security Council gives its consent to the proposed appointment of Major-General Rais Abin as Commander of the United Nations Emergency Force (UNEF).

"The delegations of China and the Libyan Arab Republic dissociate themselves from the matter."
