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NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

1. On 20 May 1976, the President of the Security Council received a communication from the Secretary-General which read:

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

In my report dated 17 October 1975 (S/11849), I informed the Security Council that, owing to the more extensive responsibilities entrusted to UNEF under the Agreement between Egypt and Israel of 4 September 1975, UNEF would require additional military personnel and equipment, including four helicopters with their crews and support personnel.

After the Security Council had considered the report and adopted resolution 378 (1975), I requested the Canadian Government, which had supplied the air unit for UNEF to supply the necessary helicopters and personnel. The Canadian Government replied that, in view of the many pressing tasks which the Canadian armed forces must carry out with limited resources, it would be impossible for it to accede to my request.

The Australian Government now informs me that it would be prepared to supply the helicopters and the personnel requested. I have consulted the parties, and they have stated that they have no objection to the attachment of Australian helicopters to UNEF. If there are no objections on the part of the Security Council, I therefore propose to accept the offer of the Australian Government.

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

2. The President of the Security Council, on receipt of this communication, circulated it to the members of the Council.
3. After holding the necessary consultations with the members of the Council, he addressed the following reply to the Secretary-General on 27 May 1976:

"I refer to your letter dated 20 May 1976 concerning the offer made by the Australian Government to supply four helicopters with their crews and support personnel to the United Nations Emergency Force.

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I have the honour to inform you that, as you requested, I drew to the attention of the members of the Security Council your intention to accept the Australian Government's offer, and they duly took note of it.

The Soviet Union expressed reservations about any additional expenditure.

China and the Libyan Arab Republic stated that they dissociated themselves from the matter."
