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NOTE BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

1. It will be recalled that in paragraph 7 of his report of 27 November 1974 (S/11563) on the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF), which was considered by the Security Council at the 1809th meeting held on 29 November 1974 (see also Security Council resolution 363 (1974), first preambular paragraph), the Secretary-General informed the Security Council that the Peruvian Government had indicated to him its intention to withdraw its contingent from UNDOF during the first half of 1975.

2. On 18 December 1974, the Secretary-General addressed the following letter to the President of the Security Council:

"I have the honour to inform you that, at the request of the Government of Peru, I have agreed to release Brigadier General Gonzalo Briceño Zevallos from his assignment as Interim Commander of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF) as of 15 December 1974.

"I am now considering the most appropriate arrangement for replacing the Peruvian contingent in UNDOF when it is withdrawn in April 1975 and shall be reporting to the Security Council on this matter shortly. In this connexion, it is also my intention to appoint as soon as possible, with the consent of the Security Council, a general officer from an appropriate Latin American country to succeed General Briceño. In the meantime, I have asked the Chief of Staff of UNDOF, Colonel Hannes Philipp of Austria, to act as officer-in-charge.

"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 immediately brought the letter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

3. On 8 January 1975, the President of the Security Council after consultations with all members of the Security Council addressed the following letter to the Secretary-General:

"I wish to refer to your letter of 18 December 1974, by which you informed the members of the Security Council that, in connexion with the

intention of the Government of Peru to withdraw its contingent from the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF), you were considering the question of measures for replacing the Peruvian contingent and would be reporting to the Security Council on the matter shortly.

"After consultations with the members of the Security Council, I am able to inform you that the Council took note of the intention of the Government of Peru and expressed its gratitude to the Government of Peru for the manner in which the Peruvian contingent carried out the important duties assigned to it.

"The members of the Security Council await a communication from you concerning which country of Latin America would be able to provide a contingent for UNDOF to replace the Peruvian contingent in order to continue their consultations on this matter.

"The Chinese delegation dissociates itself from this matter."

4. Also on 8 January 1975, the President of the Security Council after consultations with all members of the Security Council addressed the following letter to the Secretary-General:

"The members of the Security Council were informed in late December that you had agreed to release Brigadier General Gonzalo Briceño Zevallos, at the request of the Government of Peru, from his assignment as Interim Commander of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF) and had asked Colonel Hannes Philipp (Austria), Chief of Staff, to act temporarily as officer-in-charge and that you intended to appoint, with the consent of the Security Council, a successor to General Briceño as soon as possible.

"After consultations with the members of the Security Council, I am able to inform you that the Council has taken note of your agreement to release General Briceño and has no objection to having Colonel Hannes Philipp, Chief of Staff of UNDOF, carry out General Briceño's functions on a temporary basis.

"The Council is awaiting your proposal concerning a successor to General Briceño in order that the question of the appointment of a Commander of UNDOF may be settled.

"The Chinese delegation dissociates itself from this matter."
