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SUMMARY STATEMENT BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON MATTERS OF WHICH THE SECURITY COUNCIL IS SEIZED AND ON THE STAGE REACHED IN THEIR CONSIDERATION

Addendum

Pursuant to rule 11 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Security Council, the Secretary-General is submitting the following summary statement.

The list of items of which the Security Council is seized is contained in document S/13033 of 9 January 1979.

During the week ending 19 May 1979, the Security Council took action on the following item:

The situation in the Middle East (see S/7913, S/7923, S/7976, S/8000, S/8048 8/8066, S/8215, S/8242, S/8252, S/8269, S/8502, S/8525, S/8534, S/8564, S/8575, s/8584, S/8595, S/8747, S/8753, S/8807, S/8815, S/8828, S/8836, S/8885, S/8896, s/8960, S/9123, S/9135, S/9319, S/9382, S/9395, S/9406, S/9427 and Corr.1, S/9449, s/9452, S/9805, S/9812, S/9930, S/10327, S/10341, S/10554, S/10557, S/10703, S/10721, S/10729, S/10743, S/10770/Add.4, S/10855/Add.15, S/10855/Add.16, S/10855/Add.23, S/10855/Add.24, S/10855/Add.29, S/10855/Add.30, S/10855/Add.33, S/10855/Add.41, S/10855/Add.43, S/10855/Add.44, S/11185/Add.14, S/11185/Add.15, S/11185/Add.16, S/11185/Add.21, S/11185/Add.42/Rev.1, S/11185/Add.47, S/11593/Add.15, S/11935/Add.21, S/11593/Add.29, S/11593/Add.42, S/11593/Add.49, S/11935/Add.21, S/11935/Add.42, S/11935/Add.48, S/12269/Add.12, S/12269/Add.13, S/12269/Add.21, S/12269/Add.42, S/12269/Add.48, S/12520/Add.10, S/12520/Add.11, S/12520/Add.47, S/12520/Add.21, S/13033/Add.2 and S/13033/Add.16).

In a letter dated 7 May 1979 addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/13301), the representative of Lebanon referring to his previous communications, again expressed his Government's great concern over developments in southern Lebanon, and more particularly, the increasing difficulties, obstacles and harassments encountered by UNIFIL. He stated that his Government felt that it was now imperative that the Security Council consider taking further steps towards the full implementation of resolution 425 (1978), in accordance with paragraph 7 of

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resolution 444 (1979), in which the Council reaffirmed its determination, in the event of continuing obstruction of UNIFIL's mandate, to examine practical ways and means, in accordance with relevant provisions of the United Nations Charter, to secure the full implementation of resolution 425 (1978). He also requested that his letter be submitted to the Security Council for its consideration at the earliest possible time.

The Security Council resumed its consideration of the item at its 2144th meeting, held on 15 May 1979 on the basis of the request from Lebanon.

The President stated that, as a result of the consultations held with the members of the Security Council, he wished to make a statement in his capacity as President of the Security Council. The President then adjourned the meeting.

The text of the statement made by the President reads as follows:

"Since the President's statement was read out to this Council on 26 April 1979, grave events have occurred in southern Lebanon which have merely served to show the precarious and fragile situation in that area. That the situation is not even worse is due largely to the presence of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) whose forces are trying to fulfil their mandate, in extremely difficult conditions with an exemplary dedication, admired by us all. This was particularly underlined in the Secretary-General's report to the Council of 9 May 1979, document S/13308.

"In view of the gravity of these events the Lebanese Government has decided to request the Security Council to give further consideration to the situation, and has accordingly addressed to me the letter contained in document S/13301.

"Members have been informed of the steps taken in recent days under the Council's auspices to secure a rapid improvement in that situation. These efforts seem to have produced some results. Talks have resumed between the representatives of the United Nations and the Government of Israel on various points that it is essential to try to settle if UNIFIL is to carry out its mandate successfully.

"These talks must be pursued with perseverance but in an atmosphere conducive to the full implementation of resolutions 425 (1978) and 444 (1979).

"As it has done since the events that led to the establishment of UNIFIL, the Security Council is following the situation with the deepest attention and concern.

"I am confident that the Council will be meeting at an early date to debate this question and to take any action warranted by developments in the situation.

"In the absence of any objections to this line of action, the President of the Security Council will proceed with his present diplomatic efforts."