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to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to draw your attention to the following statement issued by the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the 10 member States of the European Community, meeting at the Council of Europe at Luxembourg on 26 and 27 April 1982:

"The Ten welcome the complete withdrawal of Israel from Sinai on 25 April.

"They consider that this is an important stage in both the development of peaceful relations between Israel and Egypt and the initiation of the peace process in the Near East pursuant to Security Council resolution 242 (1967).

"The Ten therefore hope that this event, the product of negotiation, may be followed by further negotiations conducive to global, just and lasting peace, on the basis of the two principles repeatedly enunciated by them, namely, the right of all States in the region to existence and security, and justice for all peoples, which requires recognition of the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people, including the right to self-determination.

"The Ten reiterate their disquiet concerning the situation in Lebanon, as expressed in their statement of 25 April."

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I request you to have the text of this letter distributed as a document of the General Assembly, under item 34 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

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