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LETTER DATED 1 MARCH 1982 FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to refer to Security Council resolution 501 (1982) of 25 February 1982, approving an immediate increase in the strength of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) from approximately 6,000 to approximately 7,000 troops.

In the light of Security Council resolutions 425 (1978) and 426 (1978), relating to the establishment and functioning of UNIFIL, bearing in mind the principle of equitable geographical representation and subject to the usual consultations, it would be my intention to: (a) request France to provide an infantry battalion to the Force; (b) request certain other of the present troop-contributing countries, whose contingents need to be strengthened, to increase their numbers; and (c) request additions to the existing logistic and maintenance units of the Force.

I should be grateful if you could inform the members of the Council of the above.

(Signed) Javier PÉREZ DE CUÉLLAR