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STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

The President of the Security Council read the following statement at the 2387th meeting of the Security Council on 3 August 1982, in connexion with the Council's consideration of the item entitled "The situation in the Middle East":

"Following consultations with the members of the Security Council, I have been authorized to make the following statement on their behalf in connexion with the present grave situation in Lebanon:

'1. The members of the Security Council are seriously concerned at the prevailing high state of tension and at reports of military movements and continued outbreaks of firing and shelling in and around Beirut, contrary to the demand in resolution 516 (1982), which was adopted at 1325 hours New York time on 1 August 1982, for an immediate cease-fire and cessation of all military activities within Lebanon and across the Lebanese-Israeli border. They consider it vital that these provisions be fully implemented.

'2. The members of the Security Council have taken note of the Secretary-General's reports submitted pursuant to resolution 516 (1982) (S/15334 and Add.1). They express full support for his efforts and for the steps he has taken following the request of the Government of Lebanon, to secure the immediate deployment of United Nations observers to monitor the situation in and around Beirut. They note with satisfaction from the Secretary-General's report that some of the parties have already assured General Erskine of their full co-operation for the deployment of United Nations observers and they call urgently on all of the parties to co-operate fully in the effort to secure effective deployment of the observers and to ensure their safety.

'3. They insist that all parties must observe strictly the terms of resolution 516 (1982). They call further for the immediate lifting of all obstacles to the dispatch of supplies and the distribution of aid to meet the urgent needs of the civilian population in accordance with previous resolutions of the Council. The members of the Security Council will keep the situation under close review.'"
