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OF SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 517 (1982)

Addendum

With reference to paragraph 3 of the report of the Secretary-General in pursuance of Security Council resolution 517 (1982) which was submitted in the morning of 5 August 1982 (S/15345), the Chief of Staff of UNTSO, Lt-General Erskine, received the promised reply from the Israeli Foreign Ministry in Jerusalem at 0030 hours local time on 6 August (1830 hours New York time on 5 August). Shortly thereafter, the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations communicated to the Secretary-General a message in similar terms, which he indicated was the official reply of the Israeli Government. The letter of the Permanent Representative, dated 5 August 1982, reads as follows:

"I have the honour to transmit to Your Excellency the text of the decision taken by the Israel Cabinet, at its special meeting held today 5 August 1982, which reads as follows:

1. Ten ceasefires were declared in Lebanon and the Beirut area since the inception of the Operation 'Peace for Galilee', and all of them were violated by the terrorist organisations. Throughout, Israel acceded to the maintenance of the ceasefires on the axiomatic condition that they be mutual and absolute. Without mutuality Israel's response to the violations of the ceasefires is inevitable.
2. United Nations observers could in no feasible and practical way monitor the activities of the terrorist organisations in Beirut and its environs.
3. The presence of such observers in Beirut would signal to the terrorist organisations that they are under no obligation to leave Beirut and Lebanon, despite the demand of the Lebanese Government and the explicit and urgent demands of the President of the United States that they do so as speedily as possible.
4. Following the departure of the terrorist organisations operating in Beirut beyond the Lebanese borders, the arrangements for the deployment of the Israel forces will be determined on the basis of the principle that all foreign forces will leave the sovereign territory of Lebanon."

