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LETTER DATED 21 SEPTEMBER 1982 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF  
FRANCE TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that the Government of Lebanon has officially requested the co-operation of France with a view to the deployment in and around Beirut of a multinational force to support the operations of its armed forces in order to restore its authority over the area and ensure protection for the civilian population.

The French Government, in its desire to support decisions of the Security Council, would have wished that a United Nations force might be created, as proposed in Council resolution 521 (1982), paragraph 5.

In deciding to give an affirmative response to the Lebanese Government's express request, France, realizing the extreme urgency of the situation, took into account the consultations which you effectively conducted and from which it was apparent that lengthy negotiations would be necessary before agreement could be reached on the creation of a United Nations force. Moreover, the French Government was sympathetic to the appeals addressed to it from many quarters in the Arab countries. Lastly, it wants to ensure speedy action in accordance with Security Council resolution 521 (1982), particularly paragraph 5. To that end, the mandate of the force will have to conform to the objectives laid down in the resolution.

As regards the implementation of resolution 521, the French Government is gratified at the speed with which United Nations observers have been deployed in Beirut, in sufficient numbers. These observers will be in a position to play a valuable role in the coming days. The French Government will ensure that the multinational force acts in liaison with them and affords them its co-operation in the mission entrusted to them by the Security Council.

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The French Government, whose policies are based on the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and which, as you know, attaches great value to the role of the Organization, will not fail to remain in close liaison with you.

I should be grateful if you would bring this letter to the attention of the President of the Security Council and all its members.

(Signed) Luc de La BARRE de NANTEUIL

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