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SUMMARY STATEMENT BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON MATTERS OF
WHICH THE SECURITY COUNCIL IS SEIZED AND ON THE STAGE
REACHED IN THEIR CONSIDERATION

Addendum

Pursuant to rule 11 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Security Council, the Secretary-General is submitting the following summary statement.

The list of items of which the Security Council is seized is contained in document S/13033 of 9 January 1979.

During the week ending 2 June 1979, the Security Council took action on the following item:

The situation in the Middle East (see S/7913, S/7923, S/7976, S/8000, S/8048, S/8066, S/8215, S/8242, S/8252, S/8269, S/8502, S/8525, S/8534, S/8564, S/8575, S/8584, S/8595, S/8747, S/8753, S/8807, S/8815, S/8828, S/8836, S/8885, S/8896, S/8960, S/9123, S/9135, S/9319, S/9382, S/9395, S/9406, S/9427 and Corr.1, S/9449, S/9452, S/9805, S/9812, S/9930, S/10327, S/10341, S/10554, S/10557, S/10703, S/10721, S/10729, S/10743, S/10770/Add.4, S/10855/Add.15, S/10855/Add.16, S/10855/Add.23, S/10855/Add.24, S/10855/Add.29, S/10855/Add.30, S/10855/Add.33, S/10855/Add.41, S/10855/Add.43, S/10855/Add.44, S/11185/Add.14, S/11185/Add.15, S/11185/Add.16, S/11185/Add.21, S/11185/Add.42/Rev.1, S/11185/Add.47, S/11593/Add.15, S/11593/Add.21, S/11593/Add.29, S/11593/Add.42, S/11593/Add.49, S/11935/Add.21, S/11935/Add.42, S/11935/Add.48, S/12269/Add.12, S/12269/Add.13, S/12269/Add.21, S/12269/Add.42, S/12269/Add.48, S/12520/Add.10, S/12520/Add.11, S/12520/Add.17, S/12520/Add.21, S/12520/Add.37, S/12520/Add.39, S/12520/Add.42, S/12520/Add.47, S/12520/Add.48, S/13033/Add.2, S/13033/Add.16 and S/13033/Add.19).

At its 2145th meeting, held on 30 May 1979, the Security Council resumed its consideration of the item, having before it the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force, covering the period from 25 November 1978 to 24 May 1979 (S/13350).

The President called attention to the draft resolution before the Council (S/13357), which had been prepared in the course of consultations among members of the Council.

The Security Council adopted the draft resolution as resolution 449 (1979) by 14 votes to none. One member (China) did not participate in the voting.

Resolution 449 (1979) reads as follows:

The Security Council,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (S/13350),

Decides:

(a) To call upon the parties concerned to implement immediately Security Council resolution 338 (1973) of 22 October 1973;

(b) To renew the mandate of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force for another period of six months, that is, until 30 November 1979;

(c) To request the Secretary-General to submit at the end of this period a report on the developments in the situation and the measures taken to implement Security Council resolution 338 (1973).

Following the adoption of the resolution, the President stated that he had been authorized to make the following complementary statement (S/13362) on behalf of the Security Council regarding the resolution just adopted:

"As is known, the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (S/13350) states in paragraph 28 that 'despite the present quiet in the Israel-Syria sector, the situation in the Middle East as a whole continues to be potentially dangerous and is likely to remain so unless and until a comprehensive settlement covering all aspects of the Middle East problem can be reached'. This statement of the Secretary-General reflects the view of the Security Council."

The President added that the delegation of China, not having participated in the vote on the resolution, took the same position with regard to the statement read out on behalf of the members of the Council.

In a letter dated 30 May addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/13356), the representative of Lebanon requested an urgent meeting of the Security Council to consider the rapidly deteriorating situation in southern Lebanon.

The Security Council resumed its consideration of the item at its 2146th meeting on 31 May, on the basis of the request from Lebanon.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Israel and Lebanon, at their request, to participate in the discussion without the right to vote.

The President called attention to the request contained in a letter dated 31 May from the representative of Kuwait (S/13368) that the Palestine Liberation Organization be invited to participate in the debate on the question. He stated

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that that proposal was not formulated under rule 37 or rule 39 of the Security Council's provisional rules of procedure but that, if it were adopted by the Council, the invitation to the Palestine Liberation Organization would confer on the latter the same rights of participation as were conferred when a Member State was invited to participate under rule 37. The Security Council adopted the proposal by a vote of 10 in favour to 1 against (United States of America), with 4 abstentions (France, Norway, Portugal and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland).