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LETTER DATED 26 JULY 1979 FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ADDRESSED
TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to refer to the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF) established by Security Council resolution 350 (1974) of 31 May 1974.

For reasons of economy, UNDOF has hitherto relied, to a great extent, on the United Nations Emergency Force (UNEF) for third-line logistic support in such areas as transport and maintenance, movement control, postal services and field engineering. With the termination of the mandate of UNEF, this logistic support is no longer available and, consequently, it has become necessary to strengthen the existing Canadian and Polish logistic units of UNDOF. In this connexion, it is proposed that the logistic component of UNDOF be increased by 200 men. This would bring the over-all strength of the Force to about 1,450, all ranks. While this is over the figure of "about 1,250" given in the Protocol to the Agreement on Disengagement between Israeli and Syrian forces, in the new circumstances this addition to the logistics component of UNDOF is the minimum required to support the Force.

It is my intention, subject to the usual consultations, to make the necessary arrangements to this effect.

I should be grateful if you would bring this matter to the attention of the Security Council.

(Signed) Kurt WALDHEIM