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LETTER DATED 27 OCTOBER 1982 FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ADDRESSED  
TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to refer to the organization of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL), established in pursuance of Security Council resolutions 425 (1978) and 426 (1978) of 19 March 1978.

In my last report on UNIFIL (S/15455, para. 21), I informed the Security Council that the Government of Nepal had signified its inability to continue its participation in the Force beyond the mandate ended 19 October 1982. Consequently, arrangements have been made for the Nepalese contingent of 462 all ranks to be repatriated, and it is expected that their repatriation will be completed by 28 October 1982. I have also taken steps to find a replacement contingent.

The Government of Finland has now informed me that it is willing to provide a replacement contingent of equivalent strength for service with UNIFIL. It is my intention to accept this offer, subject to the usual consultations.

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

(Signed) Javier PEREZ DE CUELLAR

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