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OF CHINA, FRANCE, THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS, THE  
UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO  
THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

We have the honour to enclose the text of the statement issued after the meeting of our respective Foreign Ministers with you on 28 September 1988, and should be grateful if you would arrange for it to be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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ANNEX

Statement issued after the meeting of the Foreign Ministers  
of the five permanent members of the Security Council with  
the Secretary-General on 28 September 1988

On 28 September 1988, the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the five permanent members of the Security Council had a meeting with the Secretary-General of the United Nations, H.E. Mr. Javier Pérez de Cuéllar. Taking part in the meeting were the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China, H.E. Mr. Qian Qichen; the State Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs of France, H.E. Mr. Roland Dumas; the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, H.E. Mr. Eduard A. Shevardnadze; the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Rt. Hon. Sir Geoffrey Howe; and the Secretary of State of the United States of America, H.E. Mr. George Shultz.

The Ministers and the Secretary-General exchanged views on a wide range of major international issues. They placed particular emphasis on efforts to resolve current regional conflicts in accordance with the principles of the Charter of the United Nations. They noted with satisfaction the marked improvement in international relations at the global level and the general trend towards dialogue and peaceful settlement of disputes which had developed since their previous meeting with the Secretary-General on 25 September 1987. They welcomed the active involvement of the United Nations in this process. They also stressed their continuing confidence in the United Nations, which they believed had an increasingly significant role to play in the achievement of international peace and security. The Ministers expressed their determination to continue to work together to enhance these positive developments.

The Ministers welcomed the cease-fire between Iran and Iraq which came into effect on 20 August 1988. They also welcomed the start of direct talks between the parties under the auspices of the Secretary-General in order to secure full implementation of Security Council resolution 598 (1987).

The Secretary-General briefed the Ministers on his current efforts to consolidate the cease-fire in all its aspects and to bring about a settlement in accordance with the resolution. The Ministers reiterated their complete support for the Secretary-General's endeavours and their determination to work in co-operation with him to ensure that the resolution be fully implemented as an integral whole. They also expressed the conviction that the two parties now had before them the opportunity to reach a comprehensive, just, honourable and durable peace. They urged the need for substantive and continuous talks and, in this respect, they welcomed the decision to continue the talks on 1 October. They called on both sides to display restraint, flexibility and readiness to search for mutually acceptable solutions.

The Ministers further reaffirmed their strong commitment to the sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of Lebanon.

The Ministers thanked the Secretary-General for his invitation to the meeting, which they considered most useful. In view of the primary responsibility of the Security Council under the Charter for the maintenance of international peace and security, they expressed their determination to continue to work together for the prevention and settlement of international conflicts.

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