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Further report on the status of the cease-fire
in the Middle East

The following information has been received from the Chief of Staff of UNTSO regarding the situation in the Israel-Syria sector on 18 May 1974:

1. Reports on ground activity:

(a) Patrol 32 (AMR 2350-3067), 1/ Patrol 38 (AMR 2395-3040) and Patrol 41 (AMR 2354-3004): Between 0315 2/ and 0927 artillery fire by Syrian forces. Between 0549 and 1010 artillery fire by Israel forces. Between 0853 and 0904 mortar fire and between 1025 and 1106 artillery fire by Syrian forces. Between 1029 and 1700 artillery fire by Israel forces. Between 1124 and 1300 and between 1405 and 1510 artillery fire by Syrian forces. At 1529 artillery fire by Israel forces and at 1547 artillery fire by Syrian forces (exchange of fire in the Patrol 38 area); firing ceased at 1705 by Syrian forces and at 1706 by Israel forces. Between 2104 and 2144, between 2229 and 2303 and between 2345 and 2400 artillery fire by Israel forces.

(b) Patrol 44 (AMR 2519-2911): Between 0420 and 0525 artillery fire by Syrian forces.

(c) Patrol 33 (AMR 2444-2814): Between 0450 and 0524 artillery fire by Israel forces.

(d) Patrol 31 (AMR 2449-2982) and Patrol 42 (AMR 2431-2961): Between 0640 and 0710 artillery fire by Israel forces. Between 0839 and 0842, between 0929 and 0947 and between 1130 and 1243 artillery fire by Syrian forces. Between 1220 and 1238, between 1340 and 1406 and between 1517 and 1707 artillery fire by Israel forces. Between 1650 and 1700 artillery fire and between 2012 and 2218 mortar fire by Syrian forces.

(e) OP Three (AMR 2308-2678), OP Four (AMR 2327-2596) and OP Uniform (AMR 2366-2621): Between 0645 and 0750 mortar fire by Israel forces. Between

1/ AMR - approximate map reference.

2/ All times GMT.

0645 and 0841 artillery fire and between 0652 and 0805, between 0930 and 1055 and between 1107 and 1222 mortar fire by Syrian forces. Between 0723 and 0842 and between 0908 and 0943 artillery fire and between 0909 and 0918 mortar fire by Israel forces. Between 0926 and 1342 and between 1411 and 1520 artillery fire by Syrian forces. Between 1004 and 1214 and between 1228 and 1310 artillery fire by Israel forces. Between 1540 and 1650 mortar fire by Syrian forces.

(f) OP Romeo (AMR 2294-2459): Between 0655 and 0816 artillery fire and between 0814 and 0822 mortar fire by Syrian forces.

(g) Patrol 36 (AMR 2500-2150): Between 0830 and 0833 rocket fire by Syrian forces. Between 1120 and 1241 artillery fire by Israel forces.

(h) OP Two (AMR 2306-2736) and Patrol 37 (AMR 2320-2790): Between 0855 and 0940 and between 1031 and 1058 artillery fire by Syrian forces. Between 1045 and 1125 and between 1201 and 1245 mortar fire by Israel forces. Between 1135 and 1210 mortar fire by Syrian forces.

2. Reports on air activity:

(a) Patrol 32 (AMR 2350-3067): Between 0559 and 0601 two Israel forces jet aircraft, flying south-west to north-east, turning west, were first observed over patrol base and last observed north-west of patrol base.

(b) Patrol 37 (AMR 2320-2790): Between 0930 and 0931 one Israel forces jet aircraft, flying south-west to east, turning north, then west, was first observed south-west of patrol base and last observed over patrol base.

3. Firing on or close to United Nations installations:

Between 1705 and 1706 one round of Syrian artillery fire impacted within 50 metres of the patrol location. No injuries or damage were reported.

4. Complaints by the parties:

Complaints have been received from Syria alleging that on 15 May:

- (i) At approximately 0650 and 0655 Israel forces opened artillery fire in the area of former OP November (AMR 2316-2564).
- (ii) At approximately 0830, 0835 and 0955 Israel forces opened artillery fire in the area of former OP Sierra (AMR 2312-2523).
- (iii) At approximately 1025 Israel forces jet aircraft attacked with bombs in the area of former OP Victor (AMR 2328-2668).
- (iv) At approximately 1040 Israel forces opened artillery fire in the area of OP Uniform.

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- (v) At approximately 1107 Israel forces opened artillery fire in the area of Patrol 38.
- (vi) At approximately 1210 and 1230 and 1405 Israel forces opened artillery fire in the area of former OP Victor (AMR 2328-2668).
- (vii) At approximately 1330 and 1332 Israel forces opened artillery fire in the area of Patrol 33.

Complaints (iii), (iv), (vi) and (vii) were confirmed by United Nations observation (see S/11057/Add.472, para. 2 (b) and (f) and para. 3 (a)). The other complaints were not confirmed.