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STATEMENT OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

At the 127th meeting of the Governing Council, held on 13 March 2003, the Council adopted the following statement:

“The Working Group continued its consideration of the request of the Government of the Syrian Arab Republic that an issue relating to a category ‘E’ corporate claim filed by the Government of Israel be brought to the Council’s attention. The Working Group agreed upon the following text, which it recommends be adopted as a public statement of the Governing Council:

“In response to the concerns expressed by the Syrian delegation with respect to an award of compensation made to an Israeli claimant in the Governing Council’s decision 135 and in accordance with the views of the Legal Counsel included in the letter of the United Nations Legal Counsel dated January 25, 2002, the Governing Council agreed that that award should not be cited as a precedent to support any unilateral Israeli territorial claims with respect to areas of the Syrian Golan Heights occupied by Israel and does not, and should not, prejudice in any way Syria’s internationally stated position based on UN Resolutions 242, 338 and 497 with respect to such claims. The Governing Council also notes that the secretariat has determined after a survey of remaining claims that this issue should not be repeated in the future”.

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