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NOTE BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

At the 2051st meeting of the Security Council on 30 November 1977, the President of the Council made the following statement on behalf of the members of the Council after the adoption of resolution 420 (1977):

In connexion with the adoption of the resolution on the renewal of the mandate of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force, I have been authorized to make the following complementary statement on behalf of the Security Council regarding the resolution just adopted:

"As is known, the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (S/12453) states in paragraph 32 that 'the present quiet in the Israel-Syria sector should not obscure the fact that the main elements of the Middle East problem remain unresolved and that the situation in the area will continue to be unstable and dangerous unless real progress can soon be made towards a just and durable settlement of the problem in all its aspects'. This statement of the Secretary-General reflects the view of the Security Council."

Further, on behalf of the delegations of Benin, China and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, I wish to state that as they have not participated in the vote on this resolution, they take the same position with regard to the statement which I have just read out on behalf of the members of the Council.
