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STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On 9 November 1979, following consultations among the members of the Security Council, the President of the Security Council made the following statement:

"Following consultations among the members of the Security Council, I am authorized as President of the Council to express the Council's profound concern over the prolonged detention of American diplomatic personnel in Iran. Speaking as President of the Security Council on behalf of the Security Council and, while not wishing to interfere in the internal affairs of any country, I must emphasize that the principle of the inviolability of diplomatic personnel and establishments be respected in all cases in accordance with internationally accepted norms. Therefore, I urge in the strongest terms that the diplomatic personnel being held in Iran be released without delay and provided protection. I further urge the Secretary-General to continue to use his good offices to assist towards this objective."

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