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## Further Report by the Secretary-General on the Implementation of the Recolution of the Security Council of 11 June 1958 on the Complaint of Lebanon

1. This progress report <u>on implementation</u> of the resolution of the Security Council of 11 June 1958, on the complaint of Lebanon, is further to my first such report of 16 June (S/4029). It is submitted by the Secretary-General, but is based on information received from the Beirut Headquarters of the United Nations Observation Group in Lebanon. The Observation Group itself has in preparation a first report <u>on findings</u>, in discharge of its responsibilities under the Security Council resolution, and this may be expected before long.

2. With the arrival of Mr. Rajeshwar Dayal in Beirut on 18 June, the organization of the Observation Group was completed. On that date, the Group met informally and was briefed by its Secretary on developments since the arrival in Beirut of the first Secretariat members and Military Observers on 12 June. At the same time, attention was also given to administrative arrangements and the activities of the Military Observers.

3. On 19 June, the Group held a further informal meeting, with the Secretary-General presiding. Later the same day, it held its first formal meeting and organized its work. At this meeting, Mr. Galo Plaza was designated Chairman of the Group. The first meetings of the Group were devoted to an exchange of views on the methods and procedures which it would follow in carrying out its mandate with regard to illegal infilitration of personnel or supply of arms or other material across the Lebanese borders, under the resolution of the Security Council, and in keeping the Security Council "currently informed through the Secretary-General". The Secretary-General was in close consultation with the Group throughout his stay in Beirut. S/4038 English Page 2

4. As of 26 June, ninety-four officers from eleven countries were serving as Military Observers in Lebanon. They have established a regular patrolling system of areas accessible and, since the implementation report of 16 June have advanced further into areas outside Government control. Areas being regularly patrolled by the Observer teams are the following: around Tripoli and south of that city; the coastal road from Naquora to Demour, and roads branching off toward the interior; the Marjayoun area; the Chtaura area and northeast beyond Baalbec; the area north and east of Beirut and south of the city, except in the vicinity of Beit El Dine.

5. Observer outstations have been established in the following areas: Tripoli (with a sub-station at the Cedars), Chtaura, Zahle, Marjayoun, Saida, and at Saghbine southeast of Beirut. From these outstations, patrol activities are extended into the surrounding countryside. Outstations in several other places are now being established or are under consideration.

6. In visiting areas outside Government control, the Observers have met local leaders and have discussed with them freedom of movement in the Bekaa area north of Baalbec, the Chouf area south of Beit El Dine, and the area north of Tripoli. It was reported from the Headquarters of the Group on 25 June that for the time being further efforts at moving deeper into such areas were deferred at the following main points: the area north and northeast of Tripoli (where firing is in close vicinity and the roads are mined), the Beit El Dine area, and the north Bekaa area.

7. The basic items of equipment for the Observer teams are transport and communications, and arrangements have worked well for the delivery of jeeps and supporting transport at a rate compatible with the arrival in the area of the Military Observers. Thus, as of 26 June, there were seventy-four vehicles to ninety-four Observers. A fully operating radio communication system has been installed for contact between UNCGIL Headquarters, Observer outstations and jeeps circulating within the areas assigned for observation.

8. At the request of the Group, United Nations Headquarters has obtained two small helicopters. The helicopters arrived in Beirut on 23 June and, with Norwegian pilots, are now in operation. Four light observation plans have also been requested and will be on hand soon. These, as the helicopters, will be

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used solely for aerial observation in pursuance of the Group's task under the Security Council resolution. The Governments of neighbouring countries have been notified by the Secretary-General of these observation flights over Lebanese territory in the proximity of the borders.

9. Arrangements have been made by the Group for receiving from the Ministry in charge of relations between the Government of Lebanon and the Group, written communications on cases which the Lebanese Government desires to bring to the attention of the Group. The Group in turn submits these to independent study through its own means and in the light of supporting evidence provided. The Group has received information concerning prisoners, said to be Syrians, taken by Lebanese authorities. Such prisoners, when made available to the Group, are being interrogated by the Executive Member of the Group, Major-General Bull, with the assistance of qualified Military Observers, concerning matters covered by the Security Council resolution.

10. Since the previous report on implementation, additional personnel have been added to the Secretariat of the Group and the basic staffing requirements for the secretariat and administrative services to meet the needs of an operation involving one hundred Military Observers are about to be completed. The Headquarters of the Group continues to be located in the Biarritz Hotel in Beirut, although consideration is being given to the acquisition of new quarters in that city affording more adequate physical conditions.

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