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NOTE BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Following consultations with the members of the Security Council, the President of the Council made the following statement, on behalf of the Council, at its 2884th meeting on 20 September 1989, in connection with the Council's consideration of the item entitled "The situation in the Middle East":

"The Members of the Security Council, recalling their statement of 15 August 1989 (S/20790), welcome the resumption of the work of the Tripartite High Arab Committee set up to resolve the Lebanese crisis.

"In this regard, they once again express to the Tripartite High Committee full support in its efforts to stop the bloodshed and to establish an atmosphere conducive to ensuring security, stability and national reconciliation in Lebanon.

"They strongly urge respect for the appeal by the Tripartite High Committee for an immediate and comprehensive cease-fire, the implementation of the security arrangements and the establishment of the necessary conditions for national reconciliation in Lebanon.

"The Members of the Security Council express their full support to the Tripartite High Committee in its action to put into effect a plan for the settlement of the Lebanese crisis in all its aspects by guaranteeing the full sovereignty, independence, territorial integrity and national unity of Lebanon.

"They welcome the contacts maintained by the Secretary-General of the United Nations since 15 August 1989 with the Members of the Tripartite High Committee and invite him to pursue these contacts and to keep the Council informed."

