

participate, without vote, in the discussion of the question.

**Resolution 317 (1972)**  
**of 21 July 1972**

*The Security Council,*

*Having considered* the agenda adopted by the Security Council at its 1651st meeting held on 18 July 1972,

*Having noted* the contents of the letters of the Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic<sup>63</sup> and the Chargé d'affaires *ad interim* of Lebanon,<sup>64</sup>

*Having heard* the statements of the representatives of Lebanon and of the Syrian Arab Republic,

*Having noted with appreciation* the efforts made by the President of the Security Council and by the Secretary-General following the adoption of resolution 316 (1972) of 26 June 1972,

1. *Reaffirms* resolution 316 (1972) adopted by the Security Council on 26 June 1972;

2. *Deplores* the fact that despite these efforts, effect has not yet been given to the Security Council's strong desire that all Syrian and Lebanese military and security personnel abducted by Israeli armed forces from Lebanese territory on 21 June 1972 should be released in the shortest possible time;

3. *Calls upon* Israel for the return of the above-mentioned personnel without delay;

<sup>63</sup> *Ibid.*, document S/10730.

<sup>64</sup> *Ibid.*, document S/10731.

4. *Requests* the President of the Security Council and the Secretary-General to make renewed efforts to secure the implementation of the present resolution.

*Adopted at the 1653rd meeting by 14 votes to none, with 1 abstention (United States of America).*

**Decision**

At its 1661st meeting, on 10 September 1972, the Council decided to invite the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic and Lebanon, to participate, without vote, in the discussion of the item entitled:

"The situation in the Middle East:

"(a) Letter dated 9 September 1972 from the Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/10782);<sup>65</sup>

"(b) Letter dated 10 September 1972 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/10783)."<sup>65</sup>

<sup>65</sup> *Ibid.*, *Supplement for July, August and September 1972.*

**THE CYPRUS QUESTION<sup>66</sup>**

**Decision**

At its 1646th meeting, on 15 June 1972, the Council decided to invite the representatives of Cyprus, Turkey and Greece to participate, without vote, in the discussion of the item entitled "Letter dated 26 December 1963 from the Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/5488):<sup>67</sup> report of the Secretary-

<sup>66</sup> Resolutions or decisions on this question were also adopted by the Council in 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970 and 1971.

<sup>67</sup> See *Official Records of the Security Council, Eighteenth Year, Supplement for October, November and December 1963.*

General on the United Nations Operation in Cyprus (S/10664 and Corr.1 and Add.1)".<sup>68</sup>

**Resolution 315 (1972)**  
**of 15 June 1972**

*The Security Council,*

*Noting* from the report of the Secretary-General of 26 May 1972<sup>69</sup> that in the present circumstances the

<sup>68</sup> *Ibid.*, *Twenty-seventh Year, Supplement for April, May and June 1972.*

<sup>69</sup> *Ibid.*, document S/10664.