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The meeting was called to order at 4.55 p.m.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was adopted.

THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON THE UNITED NATIONS INTERIM FORCE IN LEBANON
(S/21406 and Add.1 and Corr.1)

The PRESIDENT: The Security Council will now begin its consideration of the item on its agenda.

Members of the Council have before them the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon for the period 26 January 1990 to 24 July 1990, which is contained in documents S/21406 and addendum 1 and corrigendum 1. Members of the Council also have the following documents before them: S/21396, letter dated 16 July 1990 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General; and S/21411, which contains the text of a draft resolution prepared in the course of the Council's consultations.

I should also like to draw the attention of members of the Council to document S/21409, which contains the text of a letter dated 25 July 1990 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General.

It is my understanding that the Council is ready to proceed to the vote on the draft resolution before it. Unless I hear any objection, I shall put the draft resolution to the vote now.

There being no objection, it is so decided.

A vote was taken by a show of hands.

In favour: Canada, China, Colombia, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Malaysia, Romania, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Yemen, Zaïre

The PRESIDENT: There were 15 votes in favour. The draft resolution has therefore been adopted unanimously as resolution 659 (1990).

As a result of consultations held among members of the Security Council, I have been authorized, as President of the Security Council, to make the following statement on behalf of the Council:

"The members of the Security Council have noted with appreciation the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) (S/21406 and Add.1 and Corr.1), submitted in conformity with resolution 648 (1990).

"They reaffirm their commitment to the full sovereignty, independence, territorial integrity and national unity of Lebanon within its internationally recognized boundaries. In this context, they assert that any State shall refrain from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any State, or in any other manner inconsistent with the purposes of the United Nations.

"As the Security Council extends the mandate of UNIFIL for a further , interim period on the basis of resolution 425 (1978), the members of the Council again stress the need for the implementation of that resolution in all its aspects. They express their appreciation for the continuing efforts of the Secretary-General and his staff in this regard. They reiterate their full support for the Taif Agreement and for the efforts of the Lebanese Government to extend its authority over all Lebanese territory.

"The members of the Security Council take this opportunity to commend UNIFIL's troops and troop-contributing countries for their sacrifices and commitment to the cause of international peace and security under difficult circumstances."

(The President)

The Security Council has thus concluded the present stage of its consideration of the item on the agenda.

The meeting rose at 5 p.m.