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NOTE BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

At the 2106th meeting of the Security Council on 8 December 1978, the text of the following statement was read out by the President of the Security Council and approved by consensus:

"The Security Council has studied the Secretary-General's report contained in document S/12929, submitted in pursuance of resolution 434 (1978). The Council associates itself with the views of the Secretary-General set forth in the report regarding the obstacles placed against UNIFIL's full deployment and against the total implementation of resolutions 425 (1978) and 426 (1978) of 19 March 1978.

"The Council expresses its deepest concern over the grave situation in southern Lebanon.

"The Council is convinced that these obstacles constitute a challenge to its authority and a defiance to its resolutions. The Council therefore demands the removal of these obstacles, specifically described and referred to in the Secretary-General's report under consideration, as well as in his previous reports submitted to the Council.

"The Council believes that the unimpeded deployment of UNIFIL in all parts of southern Lebanon will contribute significantly to the restoration of the authority of the Lebanese Government and the preservation of Lebanese sovereignty within Lebanon's internationally recognized boundaries.

"The Council, therefore, calls upon all those not fully co-operating with UNIFIL, particularly Israel, to desist forthwith from interfering with UNIFIL's operations in southern Lebanon and demands that they comply fully without any delay with the implementation of resolutions 425 (1978) and 426 (1978).

"The Council also calls upon Member States that are in a position to do so to bring their influence to bear on those concerned so that UNIFIL may discharge its responsibilities unimpeded.

"The Council notes with appreciation the efforts made by the Secretary-General and the United Nations staff, and the commanders and soldiers of

UNIFIL, for the implementation of resolution 425 (1978). It also takes this opportunity to express its particular appreciation to the countries that have contributed troops or are assisting in the deployment and facilitating the task of UNIFIL.

"The Council decides to remain seized of the problem, and to review the situation if and when necessary, before 19 January 1979, so as to consider practical ways and means that will secure the full implementation of its resolutions."

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