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NOTE BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

The president of the Security Council read the following statement at the 2217th meeting of the Security Council on 18 April 1980, in connexion with the Council's consideration of the item entitled "The situation in the Middle East":

"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, which has been agreed upon by all the members of the Council:

'I am authorized by the Security Council to make the following statement on behalf of its members pending action on the resolution which the Security Council is considering on the over-all situation in Lebanon and on the acts of hostility against Lebanon, UNIFIL and UNTSO.

The members of the Security Council are shocked and outraged at the report that the Security Council has received on the attacks on the Force and the cold-blooded murder of peace-keeping soldiers by the de facto forces.

This unprecedented, barbaric act against a peace-keeping force is a direct challenge to and defiance of the authority of the Security Council and to the mission of the United Nations in maintaining international peace and security.

The Security Council strongly condemns all those who share in the responsibility for this outrageous act. The Council reaffirms its intention to take such determined action as the situation calls for to enable UNIFIL to take immediate and total control of its entire area of operations up to the internationally recognized boundaries.

The Council extends its deep-felt condolences to the Government of Ireland and the families of the victims.

The Council also commends the valiant action of the commanders and soldiers of UNIFIL, and the courage of the United Nations observers under the most adverse circumstances.'