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2266th MEETING

Held in New York on Thursday, 19 March 1981, at 9 p.m.

President: Mr. Peter FLORIN
(German Democratic Republic).

Present: The representatives of the following States: China, France, German Democratic Republic, Ireland, Japan, Mexico, Niger, Panama, Philippines, Spain, Tunisia, Uganda, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

Provisional agenda (S/Agenda/2266)

1. Adoption of the agenda

2. The situation in the Middle East:

Letter dated 3 March 1981 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/14391);

Special report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (S/14407)

The meeting was called to order at 12.30 a.m. on 20 March 1981

Expression of welcome to the new representative of Panama

1. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from Russian*): At the outset of this meeting, I should like, on behalf of all the members of the Security Council, to extend a welcome to the new representative of Panama on the Council, Mr. Carlos Ozores Typaldos, who is with us today for the first time. We all look forward to working with him in the harmonious and co-operative spirit demonstrated by his predecessor, Minister for Foreign Affairs Illueca, and assure him of our pleasure in having him among us.

Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted.

The situation in the Middle East:

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Special report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (S/14407)

2. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from Russian*): In accordance with the decisions taken at the 2265th meeting, I invite the representative of Lebanon to take a place at the Council table and the representative of Israel to take the place reserved for him at the side of the Council chamber.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Tuéni (Lebanon) took a place at the Council table and Mr. Blum (Israel) took the place reserved for him at the side of the Council chamber.

3. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from Russian*): Taking account of an earlier complaint by the Government of Lebanon, which is already being considered by the Security Council, and of the report submitted by the Secretary-General on 16 March 1981 which we have before us, I have been authorized, as President of the Security Council, to make the following statement on behalf of its members:

"The members of the Security Council are deeply shocked and outraged at the report received about the repeated attacks on the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon and the continuing killings of peace-keeping soldiers in southern Lebanon.

"These renewed barbaric acts against a peace-keeping force are a direct defiance of the authority of the Security Council and a challenge to the mission of the United Nations in maintaining international peace and security which cannot be tolerated.

"The Council condemns these outrageous actions by the so-called *de facto* forces which have caused the death and injury of Force personnel present in Lebanon under international mandate. In strongly condemning these latest outrageous acts of the so-called *de facto* forces, the Council calls on all those who share in the responsibility for this tense situation to put an end to any act which might increase the threat to international peace and security and to put an end to military assistance to any forces which interfere with the Force in the exercise of its mandate.

"The Council addresses a serious warning to all the forces responsible for these dangerous acts vio-

lating the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Lebanon, preventing the full deployment of the Force, including the deployment of the Lebanese armed forces in the area, and severely hampering UNIFIL in the fulfilment of the mandate as expressed in Security Council resolution 425 (1978), which states:

“ *The Security Council,*

“ *Taking note of the letters from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon [S/12600 and S/12606 of 15 and 17 March 1978] and from the Permanent Representative of Israel [S/12607 of 17 March 1978],*

“ *Having heard the statements of the Permanent Representatives of Lebanon and Israel [2071st meeting],*

“ *Gravely concerned at the deterioration of the situation in the Middle East and its consequences to the maintenance of international peace,*

“ *Convinced that the present situation impedes the achievement of a just peace in the Middle East,*

“ *1. Calls for strict respect for the territorial integrity, sovereignty and political independence of Lebanon within its internationally recognized boundaries;*

“ *2. Calls upon Israel immediately to cease its military action against Lebanese territorial integrity and withdraw forthwith its forces from all Lebanese territory;*

“ *3. Decides, in the light of the request of the Government of Lebanon, to establish immediately under its authority a United Nations interim force for southern Lebanon for the purpose of confirming the withdrawal of Israeli forces, restoring international peace and security and assisting the Government of Lebanon in ensuring the return of its effective authority in the area, the force to be composed of personnel drawn from Member States;*

“ *4. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the Council within twenty-four hours on the implementation of the present resolution.’*

“The Council emphasizes that it is essential that UNIFIL receive the full co-operation of all parties to enable it to carry out its mandate in the entire area of operations up to the internationally recognized boundaries, thus contributing to full implementation of resolution 425 (1978).

“The Council calls for the immediate release of Lebanese military personnel and of all those persons who were kidnapped by the so-called *de facto* forces during the recent hostilities.

“The Council extends its sympathy and deep-felt condolences to the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and the families of the victims.

“The Council also commends the valiant action and the courage, under the most adverse circumstances, of the commanders and soldiers of the Force and expresses full support for their efforts.”

The meeting rose at 12.45 a.m.