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2278th MEETING

Held in New York on Friday 2 May 1981, at noon

President: Mr. Masahiro NISIBORI (Japan).

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/2278)

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in the Middle East:
Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (S/14482)

The meeting was called to order at 12.20 p.m.

Expression of thanks to the retiring President

1. The PRESIDENT: It is my pleasant duty as President of the Security Council for this month to express on behalf of the members of the Council deep appreciation to Mr. Noel Dorr, representative of Ireland, for the great diplomatic skill and untiring efforts with which he conducted the business of the Council during the month of April.

Tribute to the memory of Mr. Charles Yost, former Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations

2. The PRESIDENT: The Secretary-General wishes to speak at this point. I now call upon him.

3. The SECRETARY-GENERAL: We heard this morning the sad news of the death of Mr. Charles Yost, former Permanent Representative of the United States to the United Nations and a highly valued colleague of many of us here.

4. Mr. Yost was a great public servant and a dedicated worker for international peace and for the United Nations. He represented his country here with the greatest skill and distinction and in doing so made an outstanding contribution to the work of the Organization. He was a close personal friend of many of us, and after he left the United Nations he kept in touch with our work and was always ready to be of help or to

give us the benefit of his great wisdom and experience. He will be very greatly missed.

5. May I express to the delegation of the United States and to Mrs. Yost and the family my heartfelt sympathy at their very great loss.

6. The PRESIDENT: On behalf of the members of the Security Council, I join in the expression of condolences on the passing away of Mr. Charles Yost and request the representative of the United States to convey our condolences to the bereaved family.

7. Mr. LICHENSTEIN (United States of America): On behalf of my Government and the family and many, many friends of Mr. Yost, I thank the Secretary-General for his warm tribute to our colleague. He was, as the Secretary-General has said, a dedicated public servant, dedicated not only to the advancement of the policies of his own Government but, as many in this chamber know so well, dedicated also to the United Nations itself and to the goal of international peace, for which this body was established.

8. Again, I thank the Secretary-General for his condolences to all of us in this loss.

Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted.

The situation in the Middle East: Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (S/14482)

9. The PRESIDENT: Members of the Security Council have before them the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF) for the period 21 November 1980 to 20 May 1981, as well as a draft resolution contained in document S/14484.

10. Unless I hear any objection, I shall now put the draft resolution to the vote. There being no objection, we shall proceed to the vote.

A vote was taken by show of hands.

The draft resolution was adopted by 14 votes to none (resolution 485 (1981)).

One member (China) did not participate in the voting.

11. The PRESIDENT: In connection with the adoption of the resolution on the renewal of the mandate of UNDOF, I have been authorized to make the following complementary statement on behalf of the Security Council regarding the resolution just adopted.

"As is known, the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force states, in paragraph 26, that 'despite the present quiet in the Israel-Syria sector, the situation

in the Middle East as a whole continues to be potentially dangerous and is likely to remain so unless and until a comprehensive settlement covering all aspects of the Middle East problem can be reached.' This statement of the Secretary-General reflects the view of the Security Council."

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

The meeting rose at 12.30 p.m.