the situation and the measures taken to implement resolution 338 (1973).

> Adopted at the 2010th meeting by 12 votes to none.44

Decision

At the 2010th meeting, on 26 May 1977, following the adoption of resolution 408 (1977), the President made the following statement:

"In connexion with the adoption of the resolution on the renewal of the mandate of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force, 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 Force⁴³ states, in paragraph 31, that "the present quiet in the Israel-Syria sector should not obscure the fact that the main elements of the Middle East problem remain unresolved and that the situation in the area will continue to be unstable and dangerous unless real progress can soon be made towards a just and durable settlement of the problem in all its aspects". This statement of the Secretary-General reflects the view of the Security Council.³

"Further, I have been asked by the delegations of Benin, China and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya to say that, as they have not participated in the vote on this resolution, they take the same position with regard to the statement which I have just read out on behalf of the members of the Council."

Resolution 420 (1977)

of 30 November 1977

The Security Council,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force,45

Having noted the efforts made to establish a durable

and just peace in the Middle East area and the urgent need to continue and intensify such efforts,

Expressing concern over the prevailing state of tension in the area,

Decides:

(a) To call upon the parties concerned to implement immediately Security Council resolution 338 (1973) of 22 October 1973;

(b) To renew the mandate of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force for another period of six months, that is, until 31 May 1978;

(c) To request the Secretary-General to submit at the end of this period a report on the developments in the situation and the measures taken to implement resolution 338 (1973).

> Adopted at the 2051st meeting by 12 votes to none.46

Decision

At the 2051st meeting, on 30 November 1977, following the adoption of resolution 420 (1977), the President made the following statement:

"In connexion with the adoption of the resolution on the renewal of the mandate of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force, 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 Force⁴⁵ states, in paragraph 32, that "the present quiet in the Israel-Syria sector should not obscure the fact that the main elements of the Middle East problem remain unresolved and that the situation in the area will continue to be unstable and dangerous unless real progress can soon be made towards a just and durable settlement of the problem in all its aspects". This statement of the Secretary-General reflects the view of the Security Council.

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hiriya) did not participate in the voting. ⁴⁵ Official Records of the Security Council, Thirty-second Year, Supplement for October, November and December 1977, document S/12453.