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## 1773rd MEETING

Held in New York on Thursday, 30 May 1974, at 3 p.m.

*President:* Mr. Charles Gatere MAINA (Kenya).

*Present:* The representatives of the following States: Australia, Austria, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, China, Costa Rica, France, Indonesia, Iraq, Kenya, Mauritania, Peru, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Cameroon and United States of America.

### Provisional agenda (S/Agenda/1773)

1. Adoption of the agenda
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*The meeting was called to order at 3.40 p.m.*

### Adoption of the agenda

*The agenda was adopted.*

#### The situation in the Middle East:

- (a) Letter dated 30 May 1974 from the Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/11304);
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1. The PRESIDENT: This meeting of the Security Council has been convened in accordance with the request of the representative of the United States contained in a letter [S/11304] dated 30 May 1974 addressed to me. In the letter the representative of the United States requested an urgent meeting of the Council to consider the situation in the Middle East, in particular the disengagement of Israeli and Syrian forces. Also inscribed on the agenda is the report of the Secretary-General [S/11302 and Add.1].

2. Mr. SCALI (United States of America): Mr. President, since this is my first opportunity to address you in your capacity as President of the Council, I wish to take note of the patience, dignity and wisdom with which you have

presided over these meetings and to express my admiration for your performance as a valued member of the Council.

3. I welcome also the opportunity to discuss the situation in the Middle East. In view of the importance of the subject matter which is to be disclosed to members of the Council, I should like—while reserving my right to speak later—to request you to give the floor to the Secretary-General, who, I understand, has a report on important developments.

4. The PRESIDENT: I now give the floor to the Secretary-General.

5. The SECRETARY-GENERAL: The Security Council has before it my report contained in document S/11302/Add.1 to which are annexed the texts of the Agreement on Disengagement between Israeli and Syrian Forces and the Protocol concerning the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force.

6. The announcement of this Agreement, which is the result of many days of hard negotiation and which will be signed at Geneva tomorrow, 31 May, is most welcome and encouraging news. It is an achievement upon which all those concerned are to be congratulated. I hope and believe that the achievement of this Agreement on Disengagement will constitute another important step towards a just and lasting settlement in the Middle East, for which the Council has worked for so many years.

7. The Agreement and the Protocol call for the creation of a United Nations Disengagement Observer Force. I shall take the necessary steps in accordance with the provisions of the Protocol, if the Security Council so decides. I should like to inform the Council, in a preliminary way, that in this event it would be my intention to set up the Force on the basis of the same general principles as those defined in my report on the implementation of Security Council resolution 340 (1973) [S/11052/Rev.1], which was approved by the Council in its resolution 341 (1973) of 27 October 1973.

8. It would also be my intention that the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force be drawn, in the first instance at any rate, from United Nations military personnel already in the area. I would, of course, be in consultation with the Security Council and the Governments concerned, as well as those providing personnel, about the selection of the elements of the Force.

9. As members of the Council are probably aware, I have a long-standing plan to visit the United Nations peace-keeping operations in the Middle East next week. At that

time I shall have the opportunity for direct consultations with the Governments concerned, as well as with the United Nations personnel on the spot. In view of this new development, my trip will provide a useful opportunity to clarify a number of practical issues. I shall, of course, keep the Security Council fully informed of the developments in this matter.

10. Before concluding, I wish to express again my satisfaction at this positive development and my hope that it will lead to further progress. In this connexion, it goes without saying that I and my colleagues in the Secretariat stand

ready to assist the parties concerned and the Security Council in any way we can.

11. The PRESIDENT: As no other representative wishes to speak, I assume that the business of this brief meeting is concluded. However, as the Council has heard from the report of the Secretary-General, we shall most likely have business before us very soon, and, if that does prove to be the case, it is my intention to call a meeting of the Council tomorrow morning at an appropriate time.

*The meeting rose at 3.50 p.m.*

