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YOUR TELNO 255 OF 7 JUNE (NOT TO ALL) (226)
ISRAEL/LEBANON: MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT MUBARAK

1. PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING REPLY FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO PRESIDENT MUBARAK AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. BEGINS

THANK YOU FOR YOUR MESSAGE ABOUT THE SITUATION IN LEBANON. WE TOO ARE EXTREMELY CONCERNED AT THE EFFECT THAT CONTINUED FIGHTING THERE COULD HAVE ON EFFORTS, TO WHICH EGYPT HAS CONTRIBUTED SO MUCH, TO FIND A LASTING PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

OUR IMMEDIATE CONCERN IS THEREFORE TO BRING AN END TO THE FIGHTING. WE HAVE MADE OUR POSITION CLEAR IN OUR ASSOCIATION WITH THE VERSAILLES STATEMENT AND IN OUR SUPPORT FOR UN SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 508 AND 509. YOU WILL ALSO HAVE SEEN THE STATEMENT BY THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY OF 9 JUNE WHICH VIGOROUSLY CONDEMNED THE ISRAELI INVASION OF LEBANON. WE REMAIN IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH OUR EUROPEAN PARTNERS AND WITH THOSE DIRECTLY CONCERNED WITH THE CONFLICT. WE SEE NO JUSTIFICATION FOR ISRAEL ACTING IN THE WAY THAT SHE HAS.

WE HAVE ALSO BEEN ABLE TO MAKE OUR STRONG VIEWS KNOWN TO PRESIDENT REAGAN AND MR HAIG DURING THE TALKS THEY HAVE HAD IN LONDON OVER THE PAST FEW DAYS. WE FULLY SUPPORT THE EFFORTS OF PRESIDENT REAGAN'S SPECIAL ENVOY MR PHILIP HABIB TO FIND A WAY TO HALT THE FIGHTING.

IN THE MEANTIME WE ARE VERY CONSCIOUS OF THE APPALLING HUMAN COST OF THE CONFLICT AND WE HAVE ASKED THE LEBANESE GOVERNMENT TO LET US KNOW OF ANY URGENT NEEDS THEY HAVE FOR HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE. WE ARE READY TO DO WHAT WE CAN.

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