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TO FLASH LUXEMBOURG
TELEGRAM NUMBER 93 OF 28 JULY
AND TO FLASH OTHER EC POSTS
INFO TO FLASH BUCHAREST, IMMEDIATE UKMIS NEW YORK, ROUTINE
WASHINGTON, CAIRO, TEL AVIV, AMMAN, DAMASCUS, BEIRUT, JEDDA

UKMIS NEW YORK TELNO 1056: EMERGENCY SPECIAL SESSION ON PALESTINE
FOR LUXEMBOURG: PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE URGENTLY FROM
ME TO THORN:

BEGINS

I HAVE BEEN FOLLOWING CLOSELY THE PROCEEDINGS AT THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND I WAS DELIGHTED WITH YOUR SPEECH THERE.
MY IMPRESSION IS THAT IT WAS WELL RECEIVED.

I AM HOWEVER STILL WORRIED THAT THE POSITION OF THE NINE
MAY BE MISUNDERSTOOD IF WE DO NOT MAKE CLEAR IN SOME WAY OUR
DISAPPROVAL OF THE TERMS OF THE RESOLUTION. WE AGREED IN
BRUSSELS THAT OUR EXPLANATION OF VOTE WOULD NOT GO INTO THE
RIGHTS AND WRONGS OF THE RESOLUTION IN DETAIL, BUT THIS DOES NOT
PRECLUDE US FROM INDICATING IN GENERAL TERMS ITS UNACCEPTABILITY.
THIS WOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH THE REFERENCE IN YOUR STATEMENT,
IN THE CONTEXT OF THE NINE'S VOTING INTENTIONS, TO THE NINE'S
HOPE THAT THE RESULTS OF THE SESSION WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO
RECONCILIATION RATHER THAN CONFRONTATION.

I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THE ARABS WOULD REACT TO THIS IN A
WAY WHICH WOULD PREJUDICE YOUR MISSION: IT SEEMS TO ME THAT
THERE IS A MUCH MORE SERIOUS RISK OF PREJUDICE ON THE ISRAELI
SIDE IF WE ALLOW OUR POSITION TO BE MISREPRESENTED.

I THEREFORE HOPE THAT YOU CAN AGREE THAT THE PRESIDENCY
EXPLANATION OF VOTE SHOULD INCLUDE SOME SUCH FORMULA AS:

'PROPOSALS WHICH ARE INCONSISTENT WITH SECURITY COUNCIL
RESOLUTION 242 AND THE PRINCIPLES SET OUT IN THE VENICE

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DECLARATION ARE NATURALLY UNACCEPTABLE TO THE GOVERNMENTS
OF THE NINE.'

MY CABINET COLLEAGUES AND I FEEL THAT THIS IS THE
MINIMUM NECESSARY TO PRESERVE THE CREDIBILITY AND FAIRNESS
OF THE NINE'S POSITION. UNLESS THERE IS A SENTENCE OF THIS KIND
IN THE PRESIDENCY'S EXPLANATION OF VOTE, I MAY, I FEAR, BE
OBLIGED TO INSTRUCT THE BRITISH PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE AT THE
UNITED NATIONS TO MAKE A SEPARATE NATIONAL EXPLANATION OF VOTE
TO REGISTER THIS POINT. I SHOULD NATURALLY REGRET HAVING TO DO
THIS SINCE I WOULD, LIKE YOU, PREFER IF AT ALL POSSIBLE TO
MAINTAIN THE UNITY OF THE NINE.

MESSAGE ENDS

FOR OTHER EC POSTS: PLEASE MAKE SUPPORTING REPRESENTATIONS AT AS
HIGH A LEVEL AS POSSIBLE IN THE TIME AVAILABLE DRAWING ON THE
MATERIAL IN MY MESSAGE TO THORN. PLEASE ASK FOR INSTRUCTIONS TO
BE SENT TO NEW YORK BY 281400Z AND REPORT PROGRESS BY 281500Z.
UNLESS YOU JUDGE THE REACTION TO BE SATISFACTORY, PLEASE ADD THAT
I MAY SEND A PERSONAL MESSAGE TO THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE
COUNTRIES CONCERNED LATER TODAY.
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