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MIPT: ISRAEL/LEBANON.

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF MY DRAFT STATEMENT:
BEGINS

MY GOVERNMENT IS HORRIFIED BY THE TERRIBLE SUFFERING AND DAMAGE WHICH HAS BEEN INFLICTED UPON LEBANON AND ITS PEOPLE. LARGE NUMBERS OF INNOCENT MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN HAVE BEEN KILLED OR WOUNDED. HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS HAVE BEEN MADE HOMELESS. WHOLE COASTAL CITIES HAVE BEEN DEVASTATED. THE DANGERS TO INTERNATIONAL PEACE MUST BE EVIDENT TO US ALL. WE ARE SERIOUSLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE RISKS OF THE CONFLAGRATION SPREADING. ALREADY THERE HAS BEEN BITTER FIGHTING BETWEEN ISRAELI AND SYRIAN FORCES. THE EVENTS LEADING TO THIS AWFUL DESTRUCTION HAVE BEEN CLEARLY SET OUT BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL IN HIS REPORT TO THIS COUNCIL. BEGINNING WITH THE BOMBING OF BEIRUT BY ISRAELI AIRCRAFT ON 4 JUNE, HE HAS DESCRIBED HOW HOSTILITIES

ESCALATED DESPITE APPEALS FOR RESTRAINT BOTH BY HIM AND BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL. ON 5 JUNE THE COUNCIL MET AND UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED RESOLUTION 508 CALLING UPON ALL THE PARTIES TO THE CONFLICT TO CEASE IMMEDIATELY AND SIMULTANEOUSLY ALL MILITARY ACTIVITIES WITHIN LEBANON, AND ACROSS THE LEBANESE/ISRAELI BORDER, NO LATER THAN 0600 LOCAL TIME ON 6 JUNE. THE PLO RESPONDED TO THIS CALL BUT ISRAEL DID NOT. THE FOLLOWING MORNING, 6 JUNE, ISRAELI FORCES INVADED LEBANON FORCING THEIR WAY THROUGH UNIFIL LINES AT GUNPOINT. THAT EVENING THE COUNCIL MET AGAIN AND UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED RESOLUTION 509 CALLING FOR THE IMMEDIATE AND UNCONDITIONAL WITHDRAWAL OF ISRAELI FORCES. THE PLO AND THE LEBANESE GOVERNMENT ACCEPTED THAT RESOLUTION, THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL DID NOT. THE INVADING ISRAELI FORCES HAVE SUBSEQUENTLY ADVANCED TO THE OUTSKIRTS OF BEIRUT LEAVING A WAVE OF DESTRUCTION BEHIND THEM.

MR PRESIDENT, THE FACTS ARE PLAIN. ISRAEL HAS INVADED LEBANON IN FLAGRANT VIOLATION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW AND PARAGRAPH 4 OF ARTICLE 2 OF THE CHARTER, AS WELL AS IN COMPLETE DISREGARD OF THE DEMANDS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL. MY GOVERNMENT REGARDS THE INVASION AND OCCUPATION AS A VIOLATION OF LEBANON'S SOVEREIGNTY AND WE CANNOT ACCEPT THAT THE ISRAELI ACTION AMOUNTED TO SELF-DEFENCE. TOGETHER WITH THE OTHER MEMBER STATES OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY, WE HAVE MADE OUR POSITION CLEAR IN A STATEMENT ISSUED IN BONN ON 9 JUNE. IN THIS STATEMENT THE TEN CALLED URGENTLY ON ALL THE PARTIES CONCERNED TO ACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 508 AND 509, AND IN PARTICULAR ON ISRAEL TO WITHDRAW ALL ITS FORCES IMMEDIATELY AND UNCONDITIONALLY FROM LEBANON AND TO PLACE UNIFIL IN A POSITION TO ACCOMPLISH ITS MISSION WITHOUT HINDRANCE. THE STATEMENT CONTINUED THAT SHOULD ISRAEL REFUSE COMPLIANCE WITH THESE TWO RESOLUTIONS THE TEN WOULD EXAMINE THE POSSIBILITIES FOR FUTURE ACTION.

MR PRESIDENT, MY GOVERNMENT STRONGLY SUPPORTS THE INDEPENDENCE, SOVEREIGNTY, TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND NATIONAL UNITY OF LEBANON. WE BELIEVE THAT IT IS THE DUTY OF THE COUNCIL TO UPHOLD THESE ESSENTIAL CONDITIONS. WE WANT, AS WE BELIEVE THE LEBANESE PEOPLE WANT, TO SEE A LEBANON FREE FROM THE VIOLENCE AND SUFFERING WHICH HAS BEEN ITS TRAGEDY. AT THE SAME TIME, WE BELIEVE THAT THERE CAN BE NO REAL PEACE OR STABILITY IN THE AREA UNLESS THE ASPIRATIONS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE ARE ALSO TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT IT IS EITHER WISE OR JUST FOR ISRAEL TO SEEK TO DENY PEOPLE THE RIGHT WHICH IT CLAIMS FOR ITSELF. ANY LASTING AND PEACEFUL SOLUTION WILL HAVE TO CONFIRM BOTH ISRAEL'S RIGHT TO PEACE AND SECURITY AND THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE'S RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION. THESE PRINCIPLES HAVE BEEN SET OUT IN THE VENICE DECLARATION. THEY ARE PRINCIPLES WHICH MY GOVERNMENT BELIEVES REMAIN ESSENTIAL TO THE SEARCH FOR PEACE.

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OUR IMMEDIATE TASK THIS EVENING WAS TO CONSIDER THE FUTURE OF UNIFIL. MY GOVERNMENT WARMLY SUPPORTED RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE FORCE'S MANDATE FOR WE BELIEVE IT IS STILL TOO EARLY TO KNOW WHETHER THERE IS A ROLE FOR UNIFIL IN THE NEW AND RADICALLY ALTERED CIRCUMSTANCES IN LEBANON. BUT WE BELIEVE THAT IT IS RIGHT TO PRESERVE THE OPTION FOR SUCH A ROLE, AN OPTION WHICH MIGHT WELL BE LOST IF THE FORCE WERE PRECIPITATELY DISBANDED. WE ALSO BELIEVE THAT, IN SO FAR AS CIRCUMSTANCES PERMIT, THE FORCE MAY BE ABLE IN THE INTERIM TO PLAY A HELPFUL AND HUMANITARIAN ROLE. IN THIS CONTEXT WE CALL ON THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL TO SHOW THE FULL RESPECT FOR UNIFIL WHICH IT HAS SO FAR FAILED TO DO.

ON BEHALF OF MY GOVERNMENT I SHOULD LIKE TO PAY TRIBUTE TO THE OFFICERS AND MEN OF UNIFIL AND TO THEIR GOVERNMENTS FOR THE SELF-LESS EFFORTS WHICH THEY HAVE MADE, AND ARE CONTINUING TO MAKE, ON BEHALF OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. WE DO NOT ACCEPT THE MISGUIDED CRITICISMS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE ABOUT THE FORCE'S INABILITY TO PREVENT THE ISRAELI ADVANCE. AS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL HAS RIGHTLY STATED THE FORCE HAD NEITHER THE MANDATE NOR THE MILITARY CAPACITY TO COUNTER AN INVASION. WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE DIFFICULTIES WHICH CONFRONT GENERAL CALLAGHAN AND HIS MEN IN MAINTAINING UNIFIL AND ITS POSITIONS AFTER THE ISRAELI INVASION HAS MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR THEM TO CARRY OUT THEIR MANDATE. WE SALUTE WITH GRATITUDE THEIR READINESS TO RESPOND TO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY'S WISH THAT THEY SHOULD NEVERTHELESS REMAIN ON THE SPOT UNTIL HAPPIER DAYS WHEN IT MAY AGAIN BE POSSIBLE FOR THEM TO EXERCISE ALL THEIR FUNCTIONS. MEANWHILE THEY DESERVE THE CONTINUED SUPPORT AND APPRECIATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY.

TONIGHT OUR THOUGHTS, MR PRESIDENT, MUST BE ABOVE ALL WITH LEBANON AND THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE THERE. THE HEARTFELT SYMPATHIES OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE GO OUT TO THE PEOPLE OF LEBANON IN THEIR PLIGHT. MY GOVERNMENT IS CONTRIBUTING TO THE URGENTLY NEEDED HUMANITARIAN RELIEF EFFORT THROUGH THE INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES, BOTH BILATERALLY AND VIA THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY. WE HOPE THAT ALL COUNTRIES WILL CO-OPERATE IN THIS INTERNATIONAL EFFORT.

ABOVE ALL, MR PRESIDENT, IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT THE FIGHTING SHOULD NOW COME TO AN END, AND THAT ISRAEL SHOULD COMPLY WITH SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 509 AND IMMEDIATELY WITHDRAW ALL HER FORCES FROM LEBANON TO THE INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNISED BOUNDARY. THE RULE OF INTERNATIONAL LAW MUST BE UPHELD OR WE SHALL ALL SUFFER THE GRIM CONSEQUENCES OF THE FAILURE TO DO SO.

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