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MIDDLE EAST

THE PRESIDENCY LAUNCHED DISCUSSION OF THE MIDDLE EAST AT LUNCH: SHORTLY AFTERWARDS FRANCOIS-PONCET (FRANCE PRESIDENCY) CIRCULATED A DRAFT STATEMENT WHICH AFTER A BRIEF DISCUSSION WAS AMENDED AND ISSUED AS FOLLOWS:
QUOTE

THE NINE EXAMINED THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST

1. THEY RECALL, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR PREVIOUS DECLARATIONS, IN PARTICULAR THOSE OF 29 JUNE 1977 AND 26 MARCH 1979, THAT A JUST AND LASTING PEACE CAN BE ESTABLISHED ONLY ON THE BASIS OF A COMPREHENSIVE SETTLEMENT WHICH SHOULD BE BASED ON SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 242 AND 338 AND ON

I) THE INADMISSABILITY OF THE ACQUISITION OF TERRITORY BY FORCE
II) THE NEED FOR ISRAEL TO END THE TERRITORIAL OCCUPATION WHICH IT HAS MAINTAINED SINCE THE CONFLICT OF 1967
III) RESPECT FOR THE SOVEREIGNTY, TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND INDEPENDENCE OF EVERY STATE IN THE AREA AND THEIR RIGHT TO LIVE IN PEACE WITHIN SECURE AND RECOGNISED BOUNDARIES
IV) RECOGNITION THAT IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A JUST AND LASTING PEACE ACCOUNT MUST BE TAKEN OF THE LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIANS INCLUDING THEIR RIGHT TO A HOMELAND.

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2. THE NINE DEPLORE ANY ACTION OR STATEMENT WHICH MIGHT STAND IN THE WAY OF THE QUEST FOR PEACE. THEY CONSIDER IN PARTICULAR THAT CERTAIN ATTITUDES OR DECLARATIONS OF THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT ARE SUCH AS TO CREATE OBSTACLES IN THE SEARCH FOR SUCH A COMPREHENSIVE SETTLEMENT, NOTABLY

I) THE ISRAELI CLAIM TO PERMANENT SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIESN WHICH IS INCOMPATIBLE WITH SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 242 WHICH STATED THE PRINCIPLE OF THE INADMISSABILITY OF THE ACQUISITION OF TERRITORY BY FORCE.

II) THE POLICY OF SETTLEMENTS PURSUED BY THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES, WHICH IS ILLEGAL FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF INTERNATIONAL LAW.

3. AS REGARDS THE LEBANON, THE NINE SUPPORT ITS INDEPENDENCE, SOVEREIGNTY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY. THEY DEPLORE ALL ACTS ENDANGERING THE SECURITY OF THE POPULATION OR PLACING OBSTACLES IN THE WAY OF THE RESTORATION OF THE AUTHORITY OF THE GOVERNEMENT OF LEBANON THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE OF ITS TERRITORY AND PARTICULARLY IN THE SOUTH OF THE COUNTRY. GRAVELY CONCERNED AT THE DIFFICULTIES WHICH UNIFIL, TO WHICH SOME OF THE NINE CONTRIBUTE IS ENCOUNTERING IN CARRYING OUT ITS MANDATE THEY APPEAL TO ALL PARTIES TO RESPECT THE DECISIONS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL.

THE ABOVE ARE THE COMMENTS WHICH THE NINE WISH TO MAKE AT THIS MOMENT. THEY RESERVE THE RIGHT TO RETURN TO ALL OF THESE QUESTIONS AT A LATER DATE.

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