

Taking note of the letter dated 11 January 1990 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General,¹⁵

Responding to the request of the Government of Lebanon,

1. *Decides* to extend the present mandate of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon for a further interim period of six months, that is, until 31 July 1990;

2. *Reiterates* its strong support for the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Lebanon within its internationally recognized boundaries;

3. *Re-emphasizes* the terms of reference and general guidelines of the Force as stated in the report of the Secretary-General of 19 March 1978,¹⁶ approved by resolution 426 (1978), and calls upon all parties concerned to co-operate fully with the Force for the full implementation of its mandate;

4. *Reiterates* that the Force should fully implement its mandate as defined in resolutions 425 (1978), 426 (1978) and all other relevant resolutions;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue consultations with the Government of Lebanon and other parties directly concerned with the implementation of the present resolution and to report to the Security Council thereon.

Adopted unanimously at the 2906th meeting.

Decision

At its 2925th meeting, on 31 May 1990, the Council discussed the item entitled "The situation in the Middle East: report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (S/21305)".¹⁷

Resolution 655 (1990)

of 31 May 1990

The Security Council,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force,¹⁸

Decides:

(a) To call upon the parties concerned to implement immediately its resolution 338 (1973) of 22 October 1973;

(b) To renew the mandate of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force for another period of six months, that is, until 30 November 1990;

(c) To request the Secretary-General to submit, at the end of this period, a report on the developments in the situation and the measures taken to implement Security Council resolution 338 (1973).

Adopted unanimously at the 2925th meeting.

¹⁵ *Ibid.*, document S/21074.

¹⁶ *Official Records of the Security Council, Thirty-third Year, Supplement for January, February and March 1978*, document S/12611.

¹⁷ See *Official Records of the Security Council, Forty-fifth Year, Supplement for April, May and June 1990*.

¹⁸ *Ibid.*, document S/21305.

Decisions

At the same meeting, following the adoption of resolution 655 (1990), the President made the following statement:¹⁹

"In connection with the resolution just adopted on the renewal of the mandate of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force, I have been authorized to make the following complementary statement on behalf of the Security Council:

"As is known, the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force¹⁸ states, in paragraph 24: "Despite the present quiet in the Israel-Syria sector, the situation in the Middle East as a whole continues to be potentially dangerous and is likely to remain so, unless and until a comprehensive settlement covering all aspects of the Middle East problem can be reached." That statement of the Secretary-General reflects the view of the Security Council."

At its 2931st meeting, on 31 July 1990, the Council discussed the item entitled "The situation in the Middle East: report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (S/21406 and Add.1 and Corr.1)".²⁰

Resolution 659 (1990)

of 31 July 1990

The Security Council,

Recalling its resolutions 425 (1978) and 426 (1978) of 19 March 1978, 501 (1982) of 25 February 1982, 508 (1982) of 5 June 1982, 509 (1982) of 6 June 1982 and 520 (1982) of 17 September 1982, as well as all its resolutions on the situation in Lebanon,

Having studied the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon of 24 and 26 July 1990,²¹ and taking note of the observations expressed therein,

Taking note of the letter dated 16 July 1990 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General,²²

Responding to the request of the Government of Lebanon,

1. *Decides* to extend the present mandate of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon for a further interim period of six months, that is, until 31 January 1991;

2. *Reiterates* its strong support for the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Lebanon within its internationally recognized boundaries;

3. *Re-emphasizes* the terms of reference and general guidelines of the Force as stated in the report of the Secretary-General of 19 March 1978,¹⁶ approved by resolution 426 (1978), and calls upon all parties concerned to

¹⁹ S/21338.

²⁰ See *Official Records of the Security Council, Forty-fifth Year, Supplement for July, August and September 1990*.

²¹ *Ibid.*, documents S/21406 and Add.1 and Corr.1.

²² *Ibid.*, document S/21396.

co-operate fully with the Force for the full implementation of its mandate;

4. *Reiterates* that the Force should fully implement its mandate as defined in resolutions 425 (1978), 426 (1978) and all other relevant resolutions;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue consultations with the Government of Lebanon and other parties directly concerned with the implementation of the present resolution and to report to the Security Council thereon.

Adopted unanimously at the 2931st meeting.

Decisions

At the same meeting, following consultations with the members of the Council, the President made the following statement on behalf of the Council:²³

“The members of the Security Council have noted with appreciation the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon,²¹ submitted in conformity with resolution 648 (1990) of 31 January 1990.

“They reaffirm their commitment to the full sovereignty, independence, territorial integrity and national unity of Lebanon within its internationally recognized boundaries. In this context, they assert that any State shall refrain from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any State, or in any other manner inconsistent with the purposes of the United Nations.

“As the Security Council extends the mandate of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon for a further interim period on the basis of resolution 425 (1978) of 19 March 1978, the members of the Council again stress the need for the implementation of that resolution in all its aspects. They express their appreciation for the continuing efforts of the Secretary-General and his staff in this regard. They reiterate their full support for the Taif Agreement and for the efforts of the Lebanese Government to extend its authority over all Lebanese territory.

“The members of the Security Council take this opportunity to commend the troops of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon and the troop-contributing countries for their sacrifices and commitment to the cause of international peace and security under difficult circumstances.”

In a letter dated 24 September 1990,²⁴ the President of the Security Council informed the Secretary-General as follows:

“The members of the Security Council agreed, during their consideration in consultations on 31 July 1990 of the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon²¹ on the occasion of the renewal of the mandate of the Force to request that a review of the scale and deployment of the Force be carried out by the Secretariat in the light of the performance of its functions since its establishment in 1978 and

with a view to fully implementing resolution 425 (1978) of 19 March 1978. The Council is mindful of the great benefit that the presence of the Force continues to contribute to Lebanon. The members of the Council also agreed that the review should be carried out during the interim period of six months for which the mandate of the Force was extended on 31 July 1990, that is, prior to the expiration on 31 January 1991 of the current mandate.

“The members of the Council were of the view that such a review would accord with the spirit of the statement made by the President on behalf of the Council at the 2924th meeting, held on 30 May 1990,²⁵ in connection with the Council’s consideration of the item entitled ‘United Nations peace-keeping operations’, and would provide the Council with a basis on which to assess whether existing arrangements for the Force should be maintained or changed.”

At its 2964th meeting, on 30 November 1990, the Council discussed the item entitled “The situation in the Middle East: report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (S/21950 and Corr.1)”.²⁶

Resolution 679 (1990) of 30 November 1990

The Security Council,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force;²⁷

Decides:

(a) To call upon the parties concerned to implement immediately its resolution 338 (1973) of 22 October 1973;

(b) To renew the mandate of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force for another period of six months, that is, until 31 May 1991;

(c) To request the Secretary-General to submit, at the end of this period, a report on the developments in the situation and the measures taken to implement resolution 338 (1973).

Adopted unanimously at the 2964th meeting.

Decision

At the same meeting, following the adoption of resolution 679 (1990), the President of the Council made the following statement:²⁸

“In connection with the resolution just adopted on the renewal of the mandate of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force, I have been authorized to make the following complementary statement on behalf of the Security Council:

“As is known, the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Disengagement Observer

²³ S/21418.

²⁴ S/21833.

²⁵ S/21323.

²⁶ See *Official Records of the Security Council, Forty-fifth Year, Supplement for October, November and December 1990.*

²⁷ *Ibid.*, document S/21950 and Corr.1.

²⁸ S/21974.