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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
and  
LEBANON**

**Exchange of notes constituting an agreement on United States participation in a Multinational Force in Beirut. Beirut, 25 September 1982**

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**ÉTATS-UNIS D'AMÉRIQUE  
et  
LIBAN**

**Échange de notes constituant un accord relatif à la participation des États-Unis à une force multinationale à Beyrouth. Beyrouth, 25 septembre 1982**

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EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE LEBANESE REPUBLIC ON UNITED STATES PARTICIPATION IN A MULTINATIONAL FORCE IN BEIRUT

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*The Lebanese Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs  
to the American Ambassador*

RÉPUBLIQUE LIBANAISE  
MINISTÈRE DES AFFAIRES ÉTRANGÈRES  
ET DES LIBANAIS D'OUTRE-MER<sup>2</sup>  
LE MINISTRE

Beirut, the 25th September 1982,

Your Excellency,

I have the honor to refer to the urgent discussions between representatives of our two governments concerning the recent tragic events which have occurred in the Beirut area, and to consultations between my government and the Secretary General of the United Nations pursuant to United Nations Security Council Resolution 521.<sup>3</sup> On behalf of the Republic of Lebanon, I wish to inform Your Excellency's Government of the determination of the Government of Lebanon to restore its sovereignty and authority over the Beirut area and thereby to assure the safety of persons in the area and bring an end to violence that has recurred. To this end, Israeli forces will withdraw from the Beirut area.

In its consultations with the Secretary General, the Government of Lebanon has noted that the urgency of the situation requires immediate action, and the Government of Lebanon, therefore, is, in conformity with the objectives in U.N. Security Council Resolution 521, proposing to several nations that they contribute forces to serve as a temporary Multinational Force (MNF) in the Beirut area. The mandate of the MNF will be to provide an interposition force at agreed locations and thereby provide the Multinational presence requested by the Lebanese Government to assist it and the Lebanese Armed Forces (LAF) in the Beirut area. This presence

<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 25 September 1982 by the exchange of the said notes.

<sup>2</sup> Lebanese Republic, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and of Lebanese Abroad.

<sup>3</sup> United Nations, *Official Records of the Security Council, Thirty-seventh Year, Resolutions and Decisions of the Security Council 1982 (S/INF/38)*, p. 10.

will facilitate the restoration of Lebanese Government sovereignty and authority over the Beirut area, and thereby further efforts of my government to assure the safety of persons in the area and bring to an end the violence which has tragically recurred. The MNF may undertake other functions only by mutual agreement.

In the foregoing context, I have the honor to propose that the United States of America deploy a force of approximately 1200 personnel to Beirut, subject to the following terms and conditions:

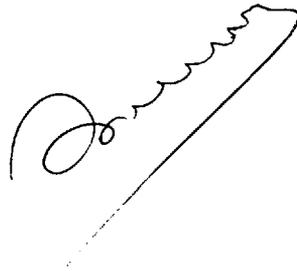
- The American military force shall carry out appropriate activities consistent with the mandate of the MNF.
- Command authority over the American Force will be exercised exclusively by the United States Government through existing American military channels.
- The LAF and MNF will form a liaison and coordination Committee, composed of representatives of the MNF participating governments and chaired by the representatives of my Government. The Liaison and Coordination Committee will have two essential components: (A) Supervisory liaison; and (B) Military and technical liaison and coordination.
- The American Force will operate in close coordination with the LAF. To assure effective coordination with the LAF, the American Force will assign liaison officers to the LAF and the Government of Lebanon will assign liaison officers to the American Force. The LAF liaison officers to the American Force will, inter alia, perform liaison with the civilian population and with the U.N. observers and manifest the authority of the Lebanese Government in all appropriate situations. The American Force will provide security for LAF personnel operating with the U.S. contingent.
- In carrying out its mission, the American Force will not engage in combat. It may, however, exercise the right of self-defense.
- It is understood that the presence of the American Force will be needed only for a limited period to meet the urgent requirements posed by the current situation. The MNF contributors and the Government of Lebanon will consult fully concerning the duration of the MNF presence. Arrangements for the departure of the MNF will be the subject of special consultations between the Government of Lebanon and the MNF participating governments. The American Force will depart Lebanon upon any request of the President of Lebanon or upon the decision of the President of the United States.
- The Government of Lebanon and the LAF will take all measures necessary to ensure the protection of the American Force's personnel, to include securing assurances from all armed elements not now under the authority of the Lebanese

Government that they will refrain from hostilities and not interfere with any activities of the MNF.

-- The American Force will enjoy both the degree of freedom and movement and the right to undertake those activities deemed necessary for the performance of its mission for the support of its personnel. Accordingly, it shall enjoy the privileges and immunities accorded the administrative and technical staff of the American Embassy in Beirut, and shall be exempt from immigration and customs requirements, and restrictions on entering or departing Lebanon. Personnel, property and equipment of the American Force introduced into Lebanon shall be exempt from any form of tax, duty, charge or levy.

I have the further honor to propose, if the foregoing is acceptable to Your Excellency's Government, that Your Excellency's reply to that effect, together with this Note, shall constitute an agreement between our two governments.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.



FOUAD BOUTROS  
Deputy-Prime Minister  
Minister of Foreign Affairs

His Excellency  
Mr. Robert Dillon  
Ambassador of the United States  
Beirut

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*The American Ambassador to the Lebanese Deputy Prime Minister  
and Minister of Foreign Affairs*

Beirut, September 25, 1982

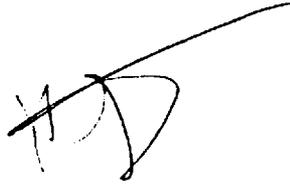
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Your Excellency,

I have the honor to refer to Your Excellency's note of 25 September 1982 requesting the deployment of an American Force to the Beirut area. I am pleased to inform you on behalf of my Government that the United States is prepared to deploy temporarily a force of approximately 1200 personnel as part of a Multinational Force (MNF) to establish an environment which will permit the Lebanese Armed Forces (LAF) to carry out their responsibilities in the Beirut area. It is understood that the presence of such an American Force will facilitate the restoration of Lebanese Government sovereignty and authority over the Beirut area, an objective which is fully shared by my Government, and thereby further efforts of the Government of Lebanon to assure the safety of persons in the area and bring to an end the violence which has tragically recurred.

I have the further honor to inform Your Excellency that my Government accepts the terms and conditions concerning the presence of the American Force in the Beirut area as set forth in your note, and that Your Excellency's note and this reply accordingly constitute an agreement between our two Governments.

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His Excellency  
Fouad Boutros  
Deputy Prime Minister  
and Minister of Foreign Affairs  
Beirut

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<sup>1</sup> Robert Dillon.