

At the same meeting, the Council further decided, at the request of the representative of Yemen,<sup>25</sup> to extend an invitation to Mr. Clovis Maksoud under rule 39 of the provisional rules of procedure.

At its 2553rd meeting, on 30 August 1984, the Council decided to invite the representatives of Qatar, the Sudan, the United Arab Emirates and Yemen to participate, without vote, in the discussion of the question.

At its 2554th meeting, on 31 August 1984, the Council decided to invite the representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to participate, without vote, in the discussion of the question.

At its 2555th meeting, on 4 September 1984, the Council decided to invite the representatives of Cuba, Democratic Yemen and Turkey to participate, without vote, in the discussion of the question.

At its 2559th meeting, on 12 October 1984, the Council decided to invite the representative of Lebanon to participate, without vote, in the discussion of the item entitled "The situation in the Middle East: report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (S/16776)".<sup>26</sup>

#### **Resolution 555 (1984)**

**of 12 October 1984**

*The Security Council,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 425 (1978), 426 (1978), 501 (1982), 508 (1982), 509 (1982) and 520 (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 9 October 1984,<sup>27</sup> and taking note of the observations expressed therein,

*Taking note* of the letter of the Permanent Representative of Lebanon addressed to the Secretary-General of 8 October 1984,<sup>28</sup>

*Responding* to the request of the Government of Lebanon,

<sup>25</sup> *Ibid.*, document S/16722.

<sup>26</sup> See *Official Records of the Security Council, Thirty-ninth Year, Supplement for October, November and December 1984.*

<sup>27</sup> *Ibid.*, document S/16776.

<sup>28</sup> *Ibid.*, document S/16772.

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 19 April 1985;

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,<sup>29</sup> 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 on the implementation of the present resolution and to report to the Council thereon.

*Adopted at the 2559th meeting by 13 votes to none, with 2 abstentions (Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics).*

#### **Decisions**

In a letter dated 15 November 1984,<sup>29</sup> the Secretary-General informed the Council that, in accordance with the decision of the Government of Senegal, the Senegalese battalion of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon had been withdrawn. Subject to the usual consultations, the Secretary-General intended to accept the offer of the Government of Nepal to provide a replacement battalion of about 650 men for service with the Force. In a letter dated 19 November,<sup>30</sup> the President of the Council informed the Secretary-General as follows:

"I wish to inform you that I have brought your letter dated 15 November 1984<sup>29</sup> concerning the organization of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon to the attention of the members of the Security Council. They considered the matter in informal consultations on 19 November and agreed with the proposals contained in your letter."

At its 2563rd meeting, on 28 November 1984, the Council proceeded with the discussion of the item entitled "The situation in the Middle East: report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (S/16829)".<sup>26</sup>

<sup>29</sup> S/16831.

<sup>30</sup> S/16832.