The members of the Security Council endorse the Secretary-General’s appeal to all parties concerned to exercise utmost restraint and to renew their efforts to end the present bloodshed.”

At its 2699th meeting, on 18 July 1986, the Council decided to invite the representatives of Israel and 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/18164 and Add.1)”.14

Resolution 586 (1986)
of 18 July 1986

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 17 June and 10 July 198615 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 7 July 1986,16

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 19 January 1987;

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 1978,8 approved by resolution 426 (1978), and calls upon all parties concerned to cooperate 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 Security Council thereon.

Adopted unanimously at the 2699th meeting.

Decisions

At its 2705th meeting, on 5 September 1986, 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: letter dated 4 September 1986 from the Permanent Representative of France to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/18318)”.17

At the same meeting, following consultations with members of the Council, the President made the following statement on behalf of the Council.18

“The members of the Security Council express their deep sorrow at the grave and distressing attacks which killed several members of the Irish and French contingents of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon. These attacks come after various serious incidents in the recent past, in particular those of 11 and 12 August 1986, in the course of which a number of members of the Force were injured. The members of the Council express their indignation at such resort to deliberate violence, which places in jeopardy the safety of the members of the Force.

“They convey their sympathy to the afflicted families and pay tribute to the qualities of composure, courage and self-sacrifice manifested collectively by all the members of the Force, in service of the ideals of peace of the Organization.

“Given the worsening of the situation in the zone in which the Force operates, the members of the Council consider it essential to adopt with all urgency measures aimed at the effective reinforcement of the security of the members of the Force and request the Secretary-General to undertake all necessary steps to that effect.

“The members of the Council express their appreciation to the Secretary-General for his immediate dispatch of a mission led by the Under-Secretary-General which is to carry out, in consultation with the Lebanese Government, an in-depth examination of the measures to be taken to enable the Force to carry out its mandate, as laid down in Council resolution 425 (1978), effectively in the necessary conditions of security.

“They invite the Secretary-General to submit to the Council, as soon as possible, a report which he will prepare following the mission.

“The members of the Council unanimously express their confidence in the Secretary-General and the Commander of the Force in the current difficult circumstances.”

16 Ibid., document S/18202.
18 S/18320.