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Agenda

The situation in the Middle East

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Security Council resolution 1701 (2006) (S/2008/135)

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The meeting was called to order at 3.10 p.m.

Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted.

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The President: I should like to inform the Council that I have received a letter from the representative of Lebanon, in which she requests to be invited to participate in the consideration of the item on the Council's agenda. In conformity with the usual practice, I propose, with the consent of the Council, to invite that representative to participate in the consideration without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

There being no objection, it is so decided.

At the invitation of the President, Ms. Ziade (Lebanon) took a seat at the Council table.

The President: The Security Council will now begin its consideration of the item on its agenda. The Council is meeting in accordance with the understanding reached in its prior consultations.

After consultations among the members of the Security Council, I have been authorized to make the following statement on behalf of the Council:

"The Security Council recalls its resolution 1773 (2007), as well as the statements of its President on Lebanon, and welcomes the reports of the Secretary-General of 30 October 2007 (S/2007/641) and of 28 February 2008 (S/2008/135).

"It reiterates its commitment to the full implementation of all provisions of resolution 1701 (2006) and reaffirms its strong support for the efforts of the Secretary-General in this regard.

"The Security Council takes note of the progress, as well as of the concerns expressed by the Secretary-General, regarding the implementation of resolution 1701 (2006) and emphasizes the need for greater progress on all the key issues required for a permanent ceasefire and long-term solution, as referred to in the Secretary-General's reports.

"It also calls upon all concerned parties, in particular in the region, to intensify their efforts in implementing resolution 1701 (2006), including by fully cooperating with the Secretary-General in this regard.

"The Security Council reiterates its full support for the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) and calls on all parties to abide by their obligations to respect the safety of United Nations personnel. It welcomes the further enhancement of the cooperation between UNIFIL and the Lebanese Armed Forces.

"It stresses the importance of and the need to achieve a comprehensive, just and lasting peace in the Middle East, based on all its relevant resolutions, including its resolutions 242 (1967) of 22 November 1967 and 338 (1973) of 22 October 1973."

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The Security Council has thus concluded the present stage of its consideration of the item on its agenda.

The meeting rose at 3.15 p.m.