



**THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC
TO THE UNITED NATIONS.**

STATEMENT

of

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By

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Mr. Chair,

I have the honor

as required paying a great concern for the safety and security of the personnel of the force.

Fourth: The Syrian government warns that the Israeli entity is seeking to escalate through its repeated violations of the ceasefire line and its continuing attacks on the Syrian territories. Whereas, the Syrian government is seeking, to date, to invoke international legitimacy. The time has come to implement the international legitimacy resolutions stipulating the withdrawal of Israel, the occupying Power, from the entire occupied Syrian Golan to the line of June 4th, 1967.

Fifth: The Syrian government reaffirms that the occupied Syrian Golan is an integral part of the territory of the Syrian Arab Republic, and that the sovereign right of Syria over the occupied Golan is not subject to negotiation or concession, and that its restoration to the line of 4th of June 1967, by all means guaranteed by international law will remain a priority for Syria and the compass that it will not deviate from.

Mr. Chair,

Allow me also to make a few remarks on the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of "UNDOF", which we summarize as follows:

1. The Secretary-General's report ignores the reference to the frequent and continuous Israeli attacks on the sites of the Syrian army in the area of separation of forces, and outside in the Syrian rear. Nevertheless, Syria has remained committed to the terms of the disengagement agreement, believing in the return of the occupied Golan through international legitimacy. However, on the other hand, the Israeli entity continues its violations against Syrians, and our people in the occupied Golan, under groundless pretexts. It also deliberately and repeatedly violates the ceasefire line unconcerned and indifferent to the presence of the United Nations forces, taking advantage of the Syrian army's preoccupation with fighting terrorism. Based on these facts, we call on the Secretary-General to include in his reports all these

violations and others, documented by the United Nations Disengagement Force, which constitute a flagrant violation of Security Council Resolution 350 (1974) and blatant challenge to international law, the United Nations Charter, and relevant Security Council resolutions.

2. Our delegation reaffirms that the disengagement agreement is completely independent of the other UN missions or international organizations operating within the Syrian Arab Republic or in the region. As "UNDOF" enjoys a military mandate par excellence and carries out a highly sensitive task between the two parties of the conflict which is to monitor the ceasefire in the area of separation, therefore, UNDOF has nothing to do with Syrian internal affairs and we reject any attempt to link it to any other UN missions operating in the region or inside Syria.

Mr. Chair

My delegation affirms that the presence of "UNDOF" is temporary, pending the end of the Israeli occupation of the Syrian Golan. But The continued presence of (UNDOF), until today, is due to continued occupation of the Syrian Golan by the Israeli entity since (1967) ignoring all international legitimacy resolutions, including the relevant Security Council resolutions, In particular, resolution 497 of 1981. Therefore, my delegation affirms that the Israeli entity, the occupying power, must bear full responsibility for the funding of "UNDOF" in accordance with the general

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