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STATEMENT BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

AT THE SECURITY COUNCIL, 11 JUNE, 1963

If I *So soon, it is because my*
That I ~~so soon~~ speak to you again ~~reflects my~~ concern that the
United Nations observation assistance called for in the terms of disengagement
in Yemen as agreed upon by the parties ^{should} will be provided with the least possible
delay. I am, naturally, ~~disappointed to learn~~ ^{hopeful} that the informal consultations
that have been going on in the effort to achieve general agreement on
the wording of the resolution relating to the Yemen Observation Mission
~~will prove fruitful.~~ ^{will prove fruitful.}
~~have not succeeded, and apparently have not been abandoned.~~

I am impelled to say that I feel strongly that it would not be in
the interest of peace in the Near East, and certainly not in the interest of
this organization, if it should for any reason fail ~~to~~ provide the
observation assistance requested by the parties, or to delay doing so much
longer.

From my informal talks with members of this Council I have the firm
impression that everyone agrees that the observation function called for
should be provided. This, in my view, is a key point, along with two
other key points, namely that the parties concerned are themselves agreed
on the need for UN observation and have asked for it, and that the parties
also are prepared to bear the cost of the operation for a period of two
months, and possibly for a total period of four months, should that prove
necessary.

It is not, then, as I see it, the question of the establishment of
the proposed Observation Mission that is really now at issue in the Council,
since everyone agrees that this operation is necessary. Rather it is the
question of what and how much should go into a resolution about that matter.

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 Personally, I do not consider a resolution on this question to be indispensable to the UN undertaking the required observation role. I do not, by any means, object to a resolution, if one can be agreed upon, but there is, I believe, ample basis for proceeding without one. The recently concluded UN operation in West Irian, for example, which was much larger and involved much more in the way of military personnel than is envisaged for Yemen, was established and carried through to its successful conclusion without any resolution by this Council or, indeed, ever having been brought up in this Council.

In lieu of a resolution, it seems to me that it would be possible to deal with the question by having the President of the Council state the consensus or summarize, for the record, the varying points of view expressed by the members, as has been done in this body on occasion in the past.

I am prepared to get the operation underway immediately. ~~As some of you know, I have considered proceeding with it without Security Council action, as I have believed that in the particular circumstances of this situation, there is adequate basis for doing so. In this regard, it may be noted that the parties themselves have seen no need for a Security Council meeting on this matter. In assuming full responsibility for the conduct of the Yemen operation, I would readily give to the members all assurances called for with regard to every aspect~~

The Council is already aware that
 of it. It will be a modest mission, not exceeding 200 people, including some carefully selected and experienced military officer observers and a small number of other ranks. Its duration should not exceed four months and it could be concluded in two. In the event more than two months should be required, I would certainly inform this Council of this fact in advance.

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 Finally, I ~~must~~ warn that there is growing evidence that the agreement on the terms of disengagement *may be jeopardized* cannot hold much longer if the UN observation personnel is not on the spot. ~~I think no one in this body would wish to contribute to a break~~

~~down of peace in that area.~~

I earnestly hope, therefore,
that the Council will find
it possible to achieve
prompt agreement on
this matter.

USCIB: draft resolution

The Security Council,
~~THE SECURITY COUNCIL~~

Meeting with satisfaction the initiative of the Secretary-General as mentioned in his report S/5298, "about certain aspects of the situation in Yemen of external origin", and ~~aimed~~ aimed at achievement of a peaceful settlement and "ensuring against any developments in that situation which might threaten the peace of the area",

Noting further the statement by the Secretary-General to the Security Council on 18 June 1963,

Noting furthermore with satisfaction that the parties directly concerned with the situation affecting Yemen have confirmed their acceptance of identical terms of disengagement in Yemen, and that the Governments of Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Republic have agreed to defray the expenses over a period of two months of the United Nations observation function called for in the terms of disengagement,

1. Requests the Secretary-General to establish the observation operation as defined by him;
2. Urges the parties concerned to observe fully the terms of disengagement reported in document S/5298 and to refrain from any action which would increase tension in the area;
3. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the Security Council on the implementation of this decision.

(In event of the US resolution is not pressed to a vote)

It has proved impossible to achieve agreement on a resolution relating to the proposed Yemen operation. Paradoxically, this occurs with regard to a matter on which, it appears, everyone present here is in agreement -- namely the provision of UN observation assistance in the Yemen situation at the request of the parties themselves.

I have followed this debate most intently and carefully, and I am convinced from it that every member of this Council does, in fact, in the interest of keeping peace in the Near East, wish to meet the request for UN observation assistance. What actually confronts us now is that three Arab States seek very reasonable and practical UN help in avoiding a war situation and it is unthinkable that this help would not be given to them by the organization. I do not, therefore, indeed, I cannot, interpret the inability of the Council to agree on the wording of a resolution on the matter as precluding the provision of the assistance required

It follows that, in the light of all the circumstances, I must advise the Council that I feel duty bound to proceed with the establishment of the Yemen Observation Mission and I intend to instruct General Von Horn to accompany advance elements to the area without further delay. To do otherwise, would be a disservice to the interests of peace in the area, and to the Organization as well. My action, most assuredly, is without prejudice to the positions taken by members of the Council in the course of the debate on certain aspects of this matter. These positions, of course, are all set forth in the records of the meetings.

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(In event of a veto)

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As I have already reported to the Council, there are at this time no financial implications for the United Nations involved in the proposed observation operation, in view of the fact that the Governments of Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Republic have agreed to defray the expense of the operation over a period of two months.

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Agenda

"The Security Council,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on some developments relating to Yemen (documents S/5298, S/532I, S/5323 and S/5325),

Noting ^{with satisfaction} the initiative of the Secretary-General, as it is mentioned about in his report S/5298, "about certain aspects of the situation in Yemen of external origin", and aimed at achievement of a peaceful settlement and "ensuring against any developments in that situation which might threaten the peace of the area",

Taking into account that following ^{the} negotiations with the participation of the Secretary-General, the parties concerned agreed ~~in~~ ^{the necessity} in particular on ~~possibility~~ of sending to the border area between Yemen and Saudi Arabia of ^a the limited number of the UN observers for the two months period ~~with their subsequent withdrawal after the expiry of that period.~~

1. Takes note of the agreement mentioned above;

2. Authorizes the Secretary-General to take necessary measures to implement the abovementioned agreement, ~~since the expenses caused by these measures will not be at any connection for the United Nations with any financial implications;~~

3. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the Security Council ^{on} ~~about~~ the implementation of this decision."

The Security Council,

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provided that on the expiry of that period the Security Council ~~will~~ ^{may} again consider this question.

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taking into account that the financing of that operation will be effectuated on the conditions mentioned in the Secretary-General's report S/5325.

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