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1. BELOW FOLLOWS TEXT OF PERM-5 FOREIGN MINISTERS
STATEMENT ON THEIR MEETING WITH SYG SEPTEMBER 30 AS
CONTAINED IN UN DOCUMENT S/26517 DATED SEPTEMBER 30,
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2. BEGIN TEXT.

ON 30 SEPTEMBER 1993, THE MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
OF THE FIVE PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL
MET WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS,
H.E. BOUTROS BOUTROS-GHALI. TAKING PART WERE THE VICE
PREMIER AND MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE PEOPLE'S
REPUBLIC OF CHINA H.E. MR. QIAN QICHEN; THE MINISTER OF

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FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF FRANCE H.E. MR. ALAIN JUPPE; THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION H.E. MR. ANDREY KOZYREV; THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND H.E. MR. DOUGLAS HURD; AND THE SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA H.E. MR. WARREN CHRISTOPHER.

THE MINISTERS CONGRATULATED THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON HIS CONTINUED OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE UNITED NATIONS AND TO THE PRINCIPLES EMBODIED IN ITS CHARTER. THEY PLEDGED STRONG SUPPORT FOR EFFORTS TO IMPROVE THE EFFICIENCY OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND TO REVITALIZE THE ORGANIZATION'S PEACEKEEPING CAPABILITIES.

THE MINISTERS NOTED THE FIVEFOLD INCREASE IN UNITED NATIONS PEACE OPERATIONS OVER THE PAST FIVE YEARS: THE NUMEROUS REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL MISSIONS DUE TO THE PROLIFERATION OF LOCAL CONFLICTS; THE HEIGHTENING IN THE LEVEL OF DANGER AND COMPLEXITY OF SUCH MISSIONS; THE EFFORTS UNDERWAY TO IMPROVE THE ORGANIZATION'S PEACEKEEPING CAPABILITIES; THE NEED FOR THE UNITED

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NATIONS TO COOPERATE CLOSELY WITH REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS; AND THE VALUE OF PREVENTIVE DIPLOMACY WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE UN CHARTER.

BEARING THESE CONCERNS IN MIND, THE MINISTERS AGREED, IN THE SPIRIT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S "AGENDA FOR PEACE," TO COOPERATE IN STRENGTHENING THE CAPABILITIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS TO CARRY OUT THE FULL SPECTRUM OF PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL. THEY TOOK NOTE OF THE WORK BEING DONE ON PEACEKEEPING REFORM AND STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF IMPROVING BUDGET PROCEDURES; MODERNIZING COMMAND, CONTROL AND COMMUNICATIONS; PROFESSIONALIZING AND INSTITUTIONALIZING PLANNING AND CIVILIAN TRAINING FUNCTIONS AND ENHANCING PUBLIC AFFAIRS CAPABILITIES AND ESTABLISHING A HIGH DEGREE OF COORDINATION AMONG STATES WILLING TO CONTRIBUTE TROOPS AND OTHER FORMS OF MATERIAL ASSISTANCE TO UNITED NATIONS PEACE OPERATIONS. IN THIS CONTEXT THE MINISTERS WELCOME THE CONTACTS IN TRAIN BETWEEN THE SECRETARIAT AND MEMBER STATES CONCERNING THE NOTIFICATION BY MEMBER STATES OF SPECIFIC FORCES OR CAPABILITIES WHICH WITH THE APPROVAL OF NATIONAL

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AUTHORITIES THEY COULD MAKE AVAILABLE TO THE UNITED NATIONS ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS.

GIVEN THE GAP BETWEEN CURRENT DEMANDS ON THE UNITED NATIONS AND ITS CAPABILITIES PENDING THE REFORMS MENTIONED ABOVE, THE MINISTERS AFFIRMED THAT NEW COMMITMENTS SHOULD BE WEIGHED VERY CAREFULLY, AND MADE ONLY AFTER FUNDAMENTAL QUESTIONS OF MANDATE, OBJECTIVES, ADEQUACY OF FORCE, AVAILABILITY OF RESOURCES, RISK TO

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PERSONNEL AND LENGTH OF MANDATE HAVE BEEN EXAMINED AND SATISFACTORILY RESOLVED.

THE MINISTERS EXPRESSED THE BELIEF THAT EXPERIENCE GAINED IN UNITED NATIONS PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS IN RECENT YEARS, SUCH AS IN NAMIBIA, EL SALVADOR AND CAMBODIA, PROVIDES A BASIS FOR CONFIDENCE THAT CONTINUED EFFORTS TO STRENGTHEN CAPABILITIES WILL YIELD GOOD RESULTS. THEY STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF APPLYING THE LESSONS LEARNED IN PAST AND CURRENT OPERATIONS, AND OBSERVED THAT

IN THIS NEW ERA, ESTABLISHING A DURABLE PEACE OFTEN REQUIRES SUSTAINED EFFORT BOTH BY THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AND BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OR STATES INVOLVED.

THE MINISTERS REVIEWED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL A NUMBER OF THE PEACEKEEPING MISSIONS THAT ARE CURRENTLY PROPOSED OR UNDERWAY.

IN THAT REGARD, THE MINISTERS PAID TRIBUTE TO THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE UNITED NATIONS IN CAMBODIA AND

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NOTED WITH SATISFACTION THAT THE UNITED NATIONS
TRANSITIONAL AUTHORITY IN CAMBODIA SUCCESSFULLY
FULFILLED ITS MANDATE. CAMBODIA'S RETURN TO
CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT IS A MAJOR ACHIEVEMENT FOR THE
UNITED NATIONS AND THE CAMBODIAN PEOPLE. THE MINISTERS
AGREED TO CONSIDER, ON THE ADVICE OF THE SECRETARY
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GENERAL AND AT THE REQUEST OF THE CAMBODIAN GOVERNMENT,
HOW A CONTINUED UN PRESENCE, WHICH MIGHT INCLUDE A
MODEST NUMBER OF MILITARY OBSERVERS, WOULD CONTRIBUTE
FURTHER TO PEACE AND STABILITY AFTER THE DEPARTURE OF
UNTAC.

THE MINISTERS STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE THEY ATTACH TO THE
ROLE THE UNITED NATIONS IS PLAYING IN HELPING TO RESOLVE
CONFLICTS IN AFRICA. IN THIS CONTEXT THEY NOTED THE
PROGRESS THAT HAS BEEN MADE IN SOMALIA IN ENDING FAMINE,
RESTORING SECURE CONDITIONS THROUGHOUT MOST OF THE
COUNTRY AND ESTABLISHING A FRAMEWORK FOR NATIONAL
RECONCILIATION. THEY AGREED ON THE IMPORTANCE OF
FURTHER STEPS TO ENHANCE SECURITY AND TO ACHIEVE A
POLITICAL SETTLEMENT. THEY ALSO REVIEWED THE SITUATION
IN ANGOLA, MOZAMBIQUE, <<RWANDA>> AND LIBERIA AND THE
CONTRIBUTIONS THE UNITED NATIONS CAN MAKE TO RESOLVE
THESE CONFLICTS.

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THE MINISTERS EXPRESSED THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE MEASURES TAKEN BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL AND THE SECURITY COUNCIL TO ASSIST IN BRINGING TO AN END THE CONFLICTS ON THE TERRITORY OF THE FORMER USSR, IN PARTICULAR IN ABKHAZIA (REPUBLIC OF GEORGIA), IN BORDER AREAS OF TAJIKISTAN AND IN SUPPORT OF THE CSCE IN THE NAGORNO-KARABAKH REGION OF THE AZERBAIJANI REPUBLIC. THEY WELCOMED THE PEACE-KEEPING EFFORTS OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION AND OTHER INDEPENDENT STATES OF THE FORMER SOVIET UNION TO ESTABLISH AND MONITOR CEASE-FIRES AND FACILITATE NEGOTIATED SOLUTIONS, WITH THE AGREEMENT OF THE COUNTRIES CONCERNED.

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THE MINISTERS DISCUSSED THE SITUATION IN THE FORMER YUGOSLAVIA. THEY CALLED UPON ALL PARTIES TO REACH URGENTLY A NEGOTIATED SOLUTION TO THE CONFLICT IN BOSNIA WHICH WILL PERMIT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PEACEKEEPING OPERATION ENVISAGED IN THE STOLTENBERG-OWEN PLAN UNDER THE AEGIS OF THE UNITED NATIONS. THEY STATED THEIR DETERMINATION TO ACT UNDER THE RELEVANT SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS TO ENABLE UNPROFOR TO CARRY OUT ITS PEACEKEEPING AND HUMANITARIAN AID MANDATES SUCCESSFULLY, AND TO IMPLEMENT RESOLUTIONS 808 AND 827 BY ESTABLISHING AND SUPPORTING AN INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL TO INVESTIGATE AND PROSECUTE THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE GROSS VIOLATIONS OF INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW THAT HAVE OCCURRED WITHIN FORMER YUGOSLAVIA SINCE 1991.

THE MINISTERS NOTED THAT THE ROLE OF THE UNITED NATIONS CONTINUES TO GROW IN IMPORTANCE, CREATING NEW OPPORTUNITIES WHILE ALSO PLACING SEVERE STRESS ON THE FINANCIAL AND OTHER RESOURCES OF THE ORGANIZATION. THEY STRESSED THE COMMON STAKE THAT ALL STATES AND PEOPLES HAVE IN ASSISTING THE UNITED NATIONS TO MEET ITS POTENTIAL AS A FORWARD-LOOKING FORCE FOR PEACE, DEVELOPMENT AND THE OTHER OBJECTIVES OF THE CHARTER.

THE MINISTERS STRESSED THE NEED FOR ALL MEMBER STATES TO PAY THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS IN FULL AND ON TIME. THE MINISTERS EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT GLOBAL PROBLEMS CANNOT BE DEALT WITH SUCCESSFULLY UNLESS INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, INCLUDING THE UNITED NATIONS, ARE STRENGTHENED, WHICH WILL NOT HAPPEN IN THE ABSENCE OF

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BROAD PUBLIC SUPPORT. THEY AGREED THAT THE UNITED
NATIONS AND ITS AGENCIES AND PROGRAMS MUST BE EFFECTIVE,
DISCIPLINED AND ACCOUNTABLE. IN THAT REGARD THEY
EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF STRENGTHENED OVERSIGHT OF
UN OPERATIONS AND WELCOMED RECENT STEPS IN THAT
DIRECTION.

THE MINISTERS STRESSED THE NEED FOR
CLOSE COOPERATION
AND CO-ORDINATION BETWEEN THE UN'S PEACEKEEPING AND
HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE OPERATIONS. THEY CONDEMNED THE
OBSTRUCTION OF DELIVERIES OF HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE AND
ATTACKS ON RELIEF WORKERS THAT HAVE OCCURRED IN SOME
STATES. THEY CALLED UPON ALL STATES AND ALL PARTIES IN
AN ARMED CONFLICT TO ABIDE BY THEIR OBLIGATIONS UNDER
INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW TO ALLOW EFFECTIVE AND
UNHINDERED DELIVERY OF HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE.

THE MINISTERS VIEWED WITH GREAT SATISFACTION THE
BREAKTHROUGH AGREEMENT THAT HAS BEEN REACHED BETWEEN THE
STATE OF ISRAEL AND THE PALESTINE LIBERATION

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ORGANIZATION. THEY NOTE THAT THE AGREEMENT IS
CONSISTENT WITH RESOLUTIONS 242 AND 338 OF THE SECURITY
COUNCIL AND THAT IT TAKES INTO ACCOUNT THE RIGHT TO
SECURITY FOR ALL PARTIES IN THE REGION, INCLUDING
ISRAEL, AND TAKES ACCOUNT OF THE LEGITIMATE POLITICAL
RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE. THE MINISTERS

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EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THIS FIRST AGREEMENT WILL
FACILITATE ADDITIONAL AGREEMENTS WHICH, TAKEN TOGETHER,
WILL CONSTITUTE A COMPREHENSIVE, JUST AND LASTING
PEACE. THE MINISTERS URGED THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY
TO MOBILIZE RESOURCES IN ORDER TO SEE THAT THE AGREEMENT
PRODUCES TANGIBLE IMPROVEMENTS IN THE SECURITY AND DAILY
LIVES OF PALESTINIANS AND ISRAELIS. THEY STRESSED THE
NEED TO START IMPROVING IMMEDIATELY THE ECONOMIC
SITUATION IN GAZA AND THE WEST BANK.

THE MINISTERS DISCUSSED DEVELOPMENTS IN IRAQ. THEY
WELCOMED THE RECENT CONTACTS BETWEEN UNSCOM AND IRAQ BUT
REAFFIRMED THAT IRAQ MUST FULLY COMPLY WITH ALL
APPLICABLE SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS.

THE MINISTERS EXPRESSED STRONG AND CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR
THE MOVEMENT TOWARDS DEMOCRACY AND AN END TO ALL FORMS
OF APARTHEID IN SOUTH AFRICA. THEY WELCOMED EFFORTS BY
LEADERS OF ALL SIDES TO AVOID ADDITIONAL VIOLENCE AND
DISCORD, WHILE NOTING WITH APPRECIATION THE CONSTRUCTIVE
ROLE BEING PLAYED IN SOUTH AFRICA BY UNITED NATIONS AND
OTHER INTERNATIONAL PEACE OBSERVERS. THEY URGED ALL
SOUTH AFRICAN PARTIES TO REDOUBLE THEIR EFFORTS TO REACH
CONSENSUS ON THE TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS AND
CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES STILL OUTSTANDING AND TO PROCEED
TO ELECTIONS IN THE COMING YEAR.

THE MINISTERS THANKED THE SECRETARY-GENERAL FOR HIS
INVITATION TO MEET, PLEDGED THEIR CONTINUED COMMITMENT

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TO A STRONGER AND MORE EFFECTIVE UNITED NATIONS AND
AGREED TO REMAIN IN CLOSE CONSULTATION ABOUT ISSUES OF
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WIDESPREAD INTERNATIONAL CONCERN.

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