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RESOLUTION
ON
THE MIDDLE EAST CRISIS

The Twenty-Seventh General Assembly:

Deeply concerned by the deteriorating situation in the Middle East, particularly in the Occupied Palestinian territories and in Lebanon. We condemn all acts of terror, violence and destruction. We also condemn attacks that have resulted in injuries and deaths of innocent civilians and the destruction of civilian properties and infrastructure. We further condemn the abduction and detention of Cabinet ministers, government officials and other individuals, and we call for their immediate and unconditional release;

Recalling the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) Resolution 1664 which called for the strict respect of the sovereignty, territorial integrity, unity and political independence of Lebanon and the UNSC 1515 which outlined the Middle East Quartet's Road Map towards a permanent, two-State solution to the Israeli – Palestinian conflict;

Recalling also the UNSC Resolution 1701 which called for immediate cessation of all hostilities by Israel and Hezbollah and called for international community to support a permanent ceasefire and comprehensive solution to the crises and ultimately to work towards a just, durable and comprehensive peace in the region;

Acknowledging the important role of the UN in helping to secure a permanent ceasefire and a long term solutions to the crises;

Hereby resolved to:

1. **Express** our concerns over the deteriorating situation and the escalation of violence in the Middle East particularly the indiscriminate and excessive use of force by Israel in the Occupied Territories and in Lebanon which would threaten efforts toward reviving the Peace Process;
2. **Support** the cessation of hostilities between Israel and Hezbollah and urge Israel to withdraw all of its forces from Lebanon based on the UN Security Council Resolution 1701 (2006);

3. **Strongly urge** the immediate and unconditional release of all Lebanese and Palestinian detainees, in particular the Speaker and Members of Parliament and Cabinet Ministers of Palestine as well as captured Israeli soldiers and other individuals;

4. **Call on** the international community to respond urgently to the post conflict reconstruction efforts in Lebanon;

5. **Welcome** the extension of the mandate of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon in order to carry out its mandate under the UNSC Resolution 1701 to monitor the cessation of hostilities, help ensure humanitarian access to civilian populations and the voluntary and safe return of displaced persons;

6. **Urge** all parties concerned to strictly respect the sovereignty, territorial integrity, unity and political independence of Lebanon under the sole and exclusive authority of the Government of Lebanon as stipulated in UNSC Resolutions 1664 and 1680;

7. **Urge** further all parties to desist from any actions that could further destabilize the situation, and to take immediate steps, including confidence building measures between the parties, with the objective of resuming peace negotiations and restarting the peace process.

Adopted this 14th day of September, 2006 in Cebu City, Philippines.