

report to the General Assembly on this matter as soon as I receive clarifications from the Governments concerned. I am sure that the General Assembly, in view of the great urgency, will wish to give their immediate attention to the matter raised in this report so as, by consolidating the basis for the presence and functioning of the Force in Egypt, to contribute to speedy progress towards the ends it has set for the United Nations activities in the area.

ANNEX

AIDE-MÉMOIRE ON THE BASIS FOR PRESENCE AND FUNCTIONING OF UNEF IN EGYPT

NOTING that by cablegram of 5 November 1956 addressed to the Secretary-General the Government of Egypt, in exercise of its sovereign rights, accepted General Assembly resolution 394 of the same date establishing "a United Nations Command for an emergency international force to secure and supervise the cessation of hostilities in accordance with all the terms of the Resolution of the General Assembly of 2 November 1956";

NOTING that the General Assembly in its Resolution 395 of 7 November 1956 approved the principle that it could not request the Force "to be stationed or operate on the territory of a given country without the consent of the Government of that country" (paragraph 9 of the Secretary-General's report of 6 November 1956, A/3302);

HAVING agreed on the arrival in Egypt of the United Nations Emergency Force (UNEF);

NOTING that advance groups of UNEF have already been received in Egypt,

The Government of Egypt and the Secretary-General of the United Nations have stated their understanding on the basic points for the presence and functioning of UNEF as follows:

1. The Government of Egypt declares that, when exercising its sovereign rights on any matter concerning the presence and functioning of UNEF, it will be guided, in good faith, by its acceptance of the General Assembly Resolution 394 of 5 November 1956.
2. The United Nations takes note of this declaration of the Government of Egypt and declares that the activities of UNEF will be guided, in good faith, by the task established for the Force in the aforementioned Resolutions; in particular, the United Nations, understanding this to correspond to the wishes of the Government of Egypt, reaffirms its willingness to maintain the UNEF until its task is completed.
3. The Government of Egypt and the Secretary-General declare that it is their intention to proceed forthwith, in the light of points 1 and 2 above, to explore jointly concrete aspects of the functioning of UNEF, including its stationing and the question of its lines of communication and supply; the Government of Egypt, confirming its intention to facilitate the functioning of UNEF, and the United Nations are agreed to expedite in co-operation the implementation of guiding principles arrived at as a result of that joint exploration on the basis of the Resolutions of the General Assembly.

The Secretary-General also reported on the administrative and financial arrangements of UNEF. The responsibilities of the Commander were first outlined. Attention was drawn to provisional arrangements for meeting UNEF costs, and to the necessity of deciding the method of allocating those costs to Member States. Other questions were also raised: the currency of payment of troops, and compensation for deaths, injury, or illness of troops of the Force.