

of the resolution is in itself a positive contribution which should provide the best framework for the successful launching of the task of the Special Representative.

This is the main step now being taken by the Security Council, namely, to put the presence of a representative of the Secretary-General into the area to help bring about negotiations and peaceful conditions. As for the mandate of the Special Representative, it entails, in the words of the criterion which I set out when I spoke in the Council on 9 November, "an equitable balance of obligations" on both sides (1373rd meeting, p. 139-140). It is most important that the Council has finally acted to have a Special Representative appointed and that his influence should be brought to bear as soon as possible in the area in the interests of establishing a just and lasting peace. We hope very much that the Special Representative will have the necessary co-operation of all the States directly concerned in the area.