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No. 3827. EXCHANGE OF LETTERS CONSTITUTING A PROVISIONAL ARRANGEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE UNITED NATIONS AND LEBANON CONCERNING THE UNITED NATIONS EMERGENCY FORCE LEAVE CENTRE IN LEBANON. BEIRUT, 20 AND 29 APRIL AND 1 MAY 1957

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Beirut, 20 April 1957

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to the establishment of the United Nations Emergency Force as an organ of the General Assembly of the United Nations constituted in accordance with Article 22 of the Charter. I would likewise refer to the consent which your Government has generously accorded for the creation in the Lebanon of a Leave Centre, which is considered necessary for the maintenance of the morale and continued efficient operation of the Force, particularly in view of the rigorous and difficult conditions under which its members are serving. Having in mind Article 105 of the Charter which provides that the United Nations shall enjoy in the territory of its Members such privileges and immunities as are necessary for the fulfillment of its purposes, the accession by Lebanon to the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations,² and the resolutions of the General Assembly providing for the United Nations Emergency Force,³ I should like to propose the following arrangements with a view to enabling the effective fulfillment of the purposes of such a Leave Centre.

OFFICE

1. As a subsidiary organ of the United Nations the Force will be represented in Lebanon by an administrative unit under the command of an officer designated by the Commander, who shall be responsible for the operation of leave centres in Lebanon.

¹ Came into force on 29 April 1957, in accordance with the provisions of the said letters.

² See footnote 1, p. 363 of this volume.

³ United Nations, *Official Records of the General Assembly, First Emergency Special Session, Supplement No. 1* (A/3354).

ENTRY AND EXIT

2. In respect of a member of the Force entering Lebanon on duty or on leave by sea or by air there shall be presented, but not surrendered, on demand of the appropriate Lebanese authorities :

(a) his UNEF Identification Card; and

(b) either an individual or a collective movement order authorizing the movement, issued by an authority of the Force in a standard form.

3. The officer in charge of administration of the Leave Centre shall notify the appropriate Lebanese immigration, customs or other authorities of the impending arrival or departure of regularly constituted groups of members of the Force in sufficient time to enable such authorities to carry out the necessary clearance formalities with the least possible delay.

4. (a) Subject to subparagraphs (b) and (c) of this paragraph, Headquarters staff officers may enter and leave Lebanon by land on official duty, in the manner provided in paragraph 2 (a) and (b).

(b) An application for the entry and exit of a Headquarters staff officer shall be made through ILMAC for each such officer, giving his service number, rank, name, appointment, and the identification number of the vehicle in which he will be transported.

(c) It is understood that entries and departures of Headquarters staff officers under this paragraph shall be kept to a minimum consistent with the requirements of the Force.

APPLICATION OF THE CONVENTION

5. The Force, as a subsidiary organ of the United Nations established by the General Assembly, enjoys the status, privileges and immunities of the Organization in accordance with the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations. A member of the Force may, at the time of his entry into Lebanon on official duty or on leave, enter duty-free a reasonable quantity of personal effects as accompanied baggage.

6. In exercising the right to import duty-free articles required for the operation of a UNEF Leave Centre, the Commander will restrict such imports to such articles as are not readily available in Lebanon, or are in the nature of service institute amenities, or have a particular national significance to any national contingent of UNEF.

7. Members of the United Nations Secretariat detailed by the Secretary-General to serve with the Force remain officials of the United Nations entitled to the privileges and immunities of Articles V and VII of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations. With respect to the locally recruited personnel of the Force, however, the United Nations will assert its right only to the immunity concerning official acts provided in Section 18 (a) of that Convention. The Commander shall be entitled