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UN OBSERVATION GROUP IN LEBANON REQUESTS OBSERVATION AIRCRAFT

The UN Observation Group in Lebanon has requested four light observation planes and two helicopters, with crews and necessary equipment, to assist it in carrying out its task as defined by the resolution of the Security Council of 11 June 1958.

With a view to providing the required aircraft as quickly as possible, UN Headquarters has asked Sweden urgently to send to Beirut four light two-seater aircraft with six pilots, and the USA similarly to deliver two H-13 type helicopters. The helicopters in Lebanon will be flown by four Norwegian pilots being made available by the Norwegian Government.

The US helicopters are being transported to Beirut in a US cargo plane due to arrive on Monday 23 June. The Norwegian pilots are scheduled to reach Beirut on 24 June. The US helicopters will be accompanied by several American technicians who are to remain in Beirut for a few days to give necessary instruction in the operation and care of the aircraft.

The Swedish planes with their Swedish crews are expected to arrive in Beirut during this week.

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