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UN OBSERVATION GROUP IN LEBANON ISSUES COMMUNIQUE

(The following was received here from a UN Information Officer with the United Nations Observation Group in Lebanon. It is being issued simultaneously in Beirut.)

Following is the text of a communique being issued to the press today by the UN Observation Group in Lebanon:

The United Nations Observation Group in Lebanon began its work as a fully constituted body on 19 June 1958 when the UN Secretary-General opened its first meeting at UNOGIL Headquarters in Beirut.

The Group gave its attention first to a review of the arrangements that had been made, prior to its arrival, for the organization of a body of military observers in the field and to the additional steps required for increasing its strength to that of a fully operational group of 100 military observers. There are at present 94 observers in the field supported by 74 vehicles and appropriate administrative staff.

These arrangements which represent the first organizational stage have now been completed. Regular reports are being received from the observers in the field which, together with information brought to the Observation Group's attention from other sources, are used by the Observation Group in directing the continuing activities of the military observers in the field.

These dispositions represent the steps which are being taken by the Observation Group to carry out the mandate given to it by the Security Council. The Observation Group believes that the progressive implementation of that mandate will contribute greatly to the creation of conditions within Lebanon which will make possible the solution by the Lebanese people themselves of the internal problems which face the country at the present time.

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