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I have now received a report from the Commander of the United Nations Emergency Force on his talks earlier today with Israel's Commander-in-Chief. There is agreement on the technical arrangements for the withdrawal and for the movement of the United Nations Emergency Force into the Gaza Strip and the Sharm-el-Shaik area. I do not feel that I should give here any details regarding these technical arrangements. The instructions to General Burns were to arrange for full and unconditional withdrawal of Israel's military and civilian units with initial take-over exclusively by the United Nations Emergency Force.

I noted the suggestion by the distinguished Delegate of Canada that I report to the General Assembly on completion of withdrawal. It is my intention to inform the General Assembly about relevant developments and, of course, especially of the withdrawal.

Important and difficult administrative problems arise in the present phase of the United Nations efforts. If they can be fully resolved on the basis of the authority already granted the Secretary-General will, as has been pointed out in the debate, depend partly on the willingness of the parties and of the Assembly itself to give its previous decisions a practical interpretation. However, I have to reserve my right to report to the General Assembly on this matter and on the financial consequences of present efforts when, as already indicated, I report on withdrawal developments.