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Official communiqué of the 8659th (closed) meeting of the Security Council

**Held in private at Headquarters, New York, on Tuesday,
5 November 2019, at 3 p.m.**

In accordance with rule 55 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Security Council, the following communiqué was issued through the Secretary-General in place of a verbatim record:

“At its 8659th meeting, held in private on 5 November 2019, the Security Council considered the item entitled “The situation in the Middle East”.

“The President invited the representatives of Australia, Austria, Bulgaria, Canada, Cyprus, Denmark, Egypt, Estonia, Finland, Georgia, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Lebanon, Liechtenstein, Malaysia, Malta, Morocco, Namibia, New Zealand, Niger, North Macedonia, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Saudi Arabia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, Turkey and Viet Nam to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 37 of the Council’s provisional rules of procedure.

“The President invited the following briefers to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 39 of the Council’s provisional rules of procedure: Ms. Izumi Nakamitsu, High Representative for Disarmament Affairs; and Mr. Fernando Arias, Director-General of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons.

“The President also invited the representative of the Delegation of the European Union to the United Nations, to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 39 of the Council’s provisional rules of procedure.

“The President invited the representative of the Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See to the United Nations to participate in the meeting in accordance with the provisional rules of procedure and the Council’s previous practice.

“The Council heard briefings by Ms. Nakamitsu and Mr. Arias.

“Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, the Russian Federation, Kuwait, Poland, Côte d’Ivoire, Peru, China, South Africa, Indonesia, France, Belgium, the Dominican Republic, Germany, Equatorial



Guinea and by the President, speaking in her capacity as the representative of the United Kingdom.

“Mr. Arias and Ms. Nakamitsu responded to comments and questions raised.

“The representative of the Russian Federation made a further statement.

“The Council heard a statement by the representative of the Syrian Arab Republic.”
