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## STATEMENT

## by the Spokesperson on the detention of 43 UNDOF peacekeepers in the Golan Heights by armed militants

"We condemn the detention of forty three members from Fiji and the Philippines of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF) at the hands of armed militants.

We urge them to release the peacekeepers immediately and unconditionally.

The UN mission in the Golan Heights is making a crucial contribution to stability in the region and it must be allowed to continue its work without restriction or intimidation.

We will continue to stand by the United Nations in their efforts to secure the release of the detained peacekeepers and restore the conditions to allow the continuation of the mission, including full freedom of movement."