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US under UN fire over Golan

Other members of Security Council condemn Trump's recognition of occupied territory

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The United States came under sharp criticism from the 14 other United Nations Security Council member states on Wednesday for its decision to recognize Israel's sovereignty over the Golan Heights in violation of council resolutions.

Speaker after speaker at the open meeting supported Syria's sovereignty over the strategic plateau and opposed Israel's annexation of the Golan Heights and US President Donald Trump's proclamation earlier this week, The Associated Press reported.

UN Under Secretary-General for Political and Peacebuilding Affairs Rosemary DiCarlo said the UN position on Golan is clear in the relevant UN resolutions, notably in Security Council resolutions 242 and 497, Xinhua News Agency reported.

"We hope that the recent developments will not be used as an excuse by anyone to pursue actions that could undermine the relative stability of the situation on the Golan and beyond," she said.

France's Deputy Permanent Representative to the UN Anne Gueguen said any attempt to move away from international law and Council resolutions through unilateral decisions "is doomed to failure", expressing regret that the move by the United States undermines collective Council action.

British Ambassador Karen Pierce affirmed her country's belief in the rules-based international order.

Wu Haitao, the deputy permanent representative of the Chinese mission to the UN, said China is opposed to the alteration of the fact through



People hold Syrian flags and portraits of Syrian President Bashar al-Assad during a protest against the UN move to recognize Israeli sovereignty over the Golan Heights, in Tartus, Syria, on Wednesday. SANA VIA ASSOCIATED PRESS

unilateral action, and that China does not wish to see the further escalation of tensions in the region. "China does not wish to see the further escalation of tension in the region."

The parties concerned should implement relevant Security Council resolutions and agreements on disengagement, exercise restraint and desist from any action that may exacerbate tensions along the cease-fire line, he added.

Russia urged the international community to continue to view the Golan Heights as Israeli-occupied territory. "If anybody feels any temptation to follow this poor example, we would urge them to refrain from this aggressive revision of international law," Russia's Deputy Ambassador Vladimir Safronkov said.

South Africa's UN Ambassador Jerry Matjila said: "This unilateral action (of the US) does nothing to assist in finding a long-term peace-

ful solution to the conflict in the Middle East."

He and others pointed to resolutions calling for Israel to end its occupation of the Golan Heights, including a December 1981 Security Council resolution that called Israel's 1967 annexation of the strategic area "null and void and without international legal effect."

Israel captured the Golan Heights from Syria in the 1967 Six-Day War and annexed it in 1981. A 1974 cease-fire agreement that officially ended the 1973 Middle East war led to the deployment of a UN peacekeeping force known as UNDOF on the Golan Heights.

Trump's proclamation that the Golan Heights is now part of Israel raised questions about the future of UNDOF after its mandate expires on June 30.

US political coordinator Rodney Hunter told the council that

UNDOF has "a vital role to play in preserving stability between Israel and Syria", an assurance that the US government's recognition of Israeli sovereignty over the strategic plateau won't affect its operation.

He said the force's mandate to ensure that the area of separation between Syria and Israel "is a buffer zone free from any military presence or activities" is of "critical strategic and security importance" to Israel, and "can contribute to the stability of the entire Middle East".

Meanwhile, the European Union said it will not recognize Israel's sovereignty over the Golan Heights, AP reported.

The EU Foreign Affairs Department said it was the "unanimous position" of all 28 member states not to change their stance in line with UN resolutions that identify the Golan Heights as occupied territory and reject the seizure of land by force.

Briefly

VENEZUELA
Govt slams 'hypocrisy' of some neighbors

Venezuela on Wednesday criticized the "hypocrisy" of some Latin American countries who object to its military cooperation with Russia, but welcome US military bases on their soil. "The hypocrisy of regional governments that maintain US military bases and personnel on their soil is surprising," Venezuelan Foreign Affairs Minister Jorge Arreaza said via Twitter. The United States is the "only country in the world to have used nuclear weapons against civilians, to wage war over oil without the authorization of the United Nations, to threaten countries with the use of force and to have an annual military budget of more than \$700 billion", Arreaza said. Several regional countries and the US expressed alarm after two Russian military planes landed in Venezuela on Saturday, carrying officials and nearly 100 soldiers. The Kremlin on Thursday said its actions in Venezuela were lawful and agreed with the Latin American country's legitimate government.

UNITED STATES
Japanese contaminants found off Alaska

Radioactive contamination from Japan's Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant, rocked by a quake and tsunami in 2011, has drifted as far north as waters off a remote Alaska island in the Bering Strait, scientists said on Wednesday. Analysis of seawater collected last year near St. Lawrence Island revealed a slight elevation in levels of radioactive cesium-137 attributable to the Fukushima disaster, the University of Alaska Fairbanks Sea Grant program said. But those levels are far too low to pose a health concern. A 9.0-magnitude quake and tsunami in March 2011 triggered meltdowns at three of the Fukushima Daiichi plant's six reactors, spewing radiation into the air, soil and ocean and forcing 160,000 residents to flee. It was the world's worst nuclear disaster since Chernobyl 25 years earlier.

RUSSIA
US seeks delay of Soyuz MS-13 launch

The United States asked Russia to postpone the launch of the Soyuz MS-13 to the International Space Station for two weeks in order to increase the number of US astronauts at the station, Russian media reported on Thursday. "The American side asked the Russian side to postpone the launch of the Soyuz MS-13 for two weeks — from July 6 to 20, as well as to extend its flight for two months — from December 2019 until February 2020," Sputnik news quoted a source in the Russian rocket and space industry as saying. The delay would allow NASA to ensure the presence of three astronauts in the US segment of the space station until February 2020 in case of delays in testing new US manned spacecraft, according to the source.

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Focus on comprehensive strength gives Weichai strong yearly results

By YUAN SHENGGAO

Weichai Power reported robust business performance and steady growth in 2018, according to its annual results released on Tuesday.

The engine manufacturer continued to enrich its comprehensive strengths last year, with revenue increasing by 5.1 percent to 159.26 billion yuan (\$23.72 billion).

Net cash flow gained from Weichai's daily business increased by 35.4 percent year-on-year to 22.26 billion yuan.

Thanks to the company's strategy to enhance the role of intellectual property in its operation, net profit increased by 27.2 percent year-on-year to 8.66 billion yuan, according to the company.

Weichai Power is a Fortune Global 500-listed company located in the Weifang Hi-tech Industrial Development Zone. Founded in 2002, Weichai Power has become one of the largest auto parts and power system conglomerates in China.

In 2018, the company focused on its main businesses and developed a diversified strategy with vehicles and engines as its flagship products with powertrains at the core, and integrated intelligent logistics as a new sector.

During the reporting period, the company's powertrain business continued to expand with a more balanced and healthier product structure, the company said.

In 2018, the total sales of engines reached 669,000 units, an increase of 8.5 percent year-on-year; the sales of gearboxes recorded 909,000 units, up 8.9 percent year-on-year; and the sales volume of axles was 650,000 units, up 6.8 percent year-on-year.

On March 11, 2004, the company was listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange — the first Chinese mainland company engaged in internal combustion engine manufacturing to do so. At that time, the annual revenue of the company was only around 6 billion yuan.

In August 2005, the company cultivated an all-round manufacturing line by restructuring the industrial chain of Xiang Torch, an auto com-



Workers operate an engine production line in Weichai Power, a Fortune Global 500-listed company located in Weifang, Shandong province. PHOTOS PROVIDED TO CHINA DAILY



Left: Weichai Power purchases a 25 percent stake in German forklift maker Kion Group in 2012. Right: One of the production lines in Weichai Power.



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In 2017, via a new model for Chinese enterprises to return from H-share stock to A-share stock, Weichai Power was listed on the Shenzhen Stock Exchange.

In the same year, its revenue hit 10 billion yuan for the first time. Its annual turnover reached 29.26 billion yuan, an increase of 312.7 percent over the previous year, and its net profit reached 2.02 billion

yuan, an increase of 172.5 percent over the previous year.

On March 11 this year, Weichai Power celebrated the 15th anniversary of its initial public offering. Leveraging global capital, it used the opportunity to develop itself from being a regional State-owned company to a global conglomerate.

The remarkable evolution of Weichai Power was realized by its "two-wheel drive" mode, which

means as it developed competitive products for the market, the company also looked for opportunities through capital operation.

"Most manufacturing enterprises didn't realize the benefits of mergers and acquisitions. They only knew how to create value by product, rather than by capital operation. Weichai Power is at the forefront of the whole country in this regard," said Tan Xuguang, chair-

man and CEO of Weichai Power.

In 2009, Weichai Power acquired French marine engine developer and producer Moteurs Baudouin.

In 2012, Weichai Power bought a 25 percent stake in German forklift maker Kion Group and a 70 percent controlling stake in Kion's subsidiary, Linde Hydraulics. In the same year, Weichai purchased a majority stake in Italian yacht maker Ferretti Group, to tap into the luxury yacht sector.

Intelligent intralogistics service provider, Dematic, the newest brand of Kion, was also acquired by Weichai Power in 2016.

One year later, Weichai Power announced that its wholly-owned subsidiary, Weichai North America, had signed a share purchase agreement with Power Solutions International Inc, expanding Weichai Power's business reach in the North American market. Financial data show that after a series of mergers and acquisitions, Weichai Power has become an international enterprise, the company said.

In 2017, out of Weichai's revenue of 151.57 billion yuan, 65.37 billion yuan came from the overseas market, accounting for 43.13 percent of the total.

"Weichai's overseas mergers and acquisitions are not for the purpose of polishing its financial reports, but for filling in the shortcomings in core technology and realizing the strategic structural adjustment of the group," Tan said.

In 2018, it was awarded first prize at the 2018 National Science and Technology Progress Awards for its breakthroughs in commercial vehicle powertrain development and applications.

"Guided by the 2020-30 strategy, we will focus on the markets involved in the Belt and Road Initiative, deepen international brand building and optimize the business structure to accelerate the shift from conventional energy to new energy," Tan said.

"We will also speed up the development of core technology to further enhance our competitiveness. Leveraging our advantages in product mix, we will strive to expand the market share."