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serve any useful purpose to pursue paragaph 6 of resolution 598 (1987). In the interest of peace and in line with the implementation of resolution 598 (1987) as a comprehensive peace plan, it is now imperative to move on with the settlement process. It is the careful construction of peaceful relations between the parties and of peace and security in the whole region that urgently needs to be tended to. The Security Council, in 1987, already offered the right approach, including in paragraph 8 of that resolution, which, if it had been timely implemented, might have spared the region from the further tragedy that followed. A system of good - neighbourly relations based on the respect of international law, as was envisaged by the Security Council, is essential in securing peace and stability in the region in the future. it is to be hoped that the Council's call will be heeded.

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