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OF LEBANON TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF
THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to bring to your attention the following:

The situation in Lebanon has already been brought to your attention by our letter to the Secretary-General of 3 September 1983 (S/15953). Military action has since been escalating, and the Lebanese army has had to intervene so as to protect its own positions, maintain law and order in greater Beirut, open international lines of communication, and generally protect the civilian population in various localities from armed elements controlled and directed from abroad. Shelling has been extensive and has spared neither Beirut nor localities in Mount Lebanon (including vital governmental buildings such as the Presidential Palace, the Ministry of Defense and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs) from areas controlled by Foreign Forces whose presence in Lebanon has been declared illegitimate.

Casualties have been numerous and destruction enormous. This situation has added sufferings to misery, in a country still torn by successive wars since eight years.

The efforts by the League of Arab States, by the United Nations (with numerous resolutions of the Security Council) as well as the intensive diplomatic efforts of many friendly governments, have not yet enabled Lebanon to restore its sovereignty and authority over all of its territory, nor has it succeeded in preventing the resurgence of hostilities.

The situation cannot be allowed to continue without endangering international peace and security, and imperilling the very fate of a state member of the United Nations - an independent and peace-loving country, whose people are keen on preserving their liberty, sovereignty and territorial integrity.

More specifically, we are urging the Security Council to declare a cease-fire and take whatever measures are deemed possible and necessary for its implementation, in accordance with the Charter.

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While presenting this request, we are referring to previous resolutions of the Security Council, particularly to resolutions 425 (1978), 509 (1982), 511 (1982), 516 (1982), 517 (1982), 520 (1982), 529 (1983) and 536 (1983). We request that this letter be circulated as an official document, and press that an urgent meeting be held by the Security Council.

(Signed) M. Rachid FAKHOURY
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