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**Letter dated 20 August 2004 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the
Permanent Mission of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to
the Secretary-General**

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit herewith a summary of Israeli violations and acts of aggression against Lebanon.

On 5 August 2004, at 1850 hours, Israeli forces positioned at Sumaqa, inside the occupied Shab'a farms, fired several bursts of medium machine-gun fire and a flare shell from their location.

On 6 August 2004, at 2329 hours, an Israeli gunboat in Lebanese territorial waters facing Ra's Naqoura fired two flare shells.

On 7 August 2004, at 1150 hours, Israeli forces positioned on Radar hill, inside the occupied Shab'a farms, fired several bursts of medium machine-gun fire from their location.

Also on 7 August 2004, between 2045 and 2115 hours, an Israeli gunboat in Lebanese territorial waters facing Ra's Naqoura fired several bursts of medium machine-gun fire and several flare shells.

On 9 August 2004, between 1840 and 1900 hours, two Israeli helicopters overflew the occupied Shab'a farms.

On 10 August 2004, between 0230 and 0315 hours, an Israeli gunboat in Lebanese territorial waters facing Ra's Naqoura fired two flare shells. Between 2240 and 2305 hours, the same gunboat fired two more flare shells over those waters.

During the night of 11-12 August 2004, between 2325 and 0115 hours, an Israeli reconnaissance aircraft flying at an altitude of 25,000 feet violated Lebanese airspace; overflew the sea near Saida some 20 kilometres offshore, heading towards Beirut; flew in a circular motion over the sea facing Beirut-Saida, between 8 and 19 kilometres offshore; flew north to Jbeil, at over 8 kilometres offshore; then departed southward.

On 12 August 2004, at 0500 hours, an Israeli gunboat in Lebanese territorial waters facing Ra's Naqoura fired a flare shell. Between 2025 and 2035 hours, the same gunboat fired several bursts of medium machine-gun fire over those waters.

Also on 12 August 2004, at 1925 hours, Israeli forces positioned at Sumaqa, inside the occupied Shab'a farms, fired bursts of medium machine-gun fire from their location.

These grave violations are part of a series of persistent and provocative Israeli violations of Lebanese airspace and territory. You have repeatedly stated, moreover, that Israel must put an end to these acts, which are in violation of the rules of international law and of resolutions of the United Nations.

In view of these violations and of the escalating Israeli threats against the State of Lebanon, its territory and its people, Lebanon calls upon the Security Council to take action to oblige Israel to put an end to its violations and threats, which endanger international peace and security, and to place on it full responsibility for the possible consequences of its acts.

In drawing your attention to the gravity and possible consequences of such acts, I request that the text of this letter should be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 37, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Ibrahim Assaf
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