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Letter dated 26 June 1984 from the Permanent Representative of Israel
to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to refer to the letter dated 29 May 1984 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon and addressed to Your Excellency (A/39/282-S/16597) which contains a series of unfounded allegations against Israel.

Given the existing relationship between Syria and Lebanon, the Lebanese letter in question must clearly be viewed as reflecting Syria's domination of the policies of the present Lebanese Government and as yet another expression of the relentless Syrian efforts to exploit Lebanon and its Government for Syria's bellicose policies against Israel.

The Lebanese letter under reply also makes reference to the Israel-Lebanon General Armistice Agreement of 1949 - defunct since 1967. As has been stated by the Government of Israel on numerous occasions (see, e.g., my statements in the Security Council of 12 June 1979 (S/PV.2147, pp. 36-38) and 6 June 1982 (S/PV.2375, p. 71), as well as my letter addressed to Your Excellency dated 27 May 1982 (A/37/257-S/15132)), that Agreement was terminated in 1967 as a result of Lebanon's participation in the June 1967 Arab-Israeli hostilities. Subsequent to June 1967 the Government of Lebanon also repeatedly demonstrated that it no longer considered the General Armistice Agreement in force by concluding a series of agreements with the terrorist PLO that were totally incompatible with its basic obligations under the General Armistice Agreement.

In this connection, it is also pertinent to mention the Israel-Lebanon Agreement signed on 17 May 1983. As is well known, that Agreement too was not permitted to enter into force because of the political blackmail and blatant abuse by Syria of Lebanon, its Government, its parliament and its people.

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I have the honour to request that this letter be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under item 36 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

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