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**Identical letters dated 4 August 2010 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i.
of the Permanent Republic of Israel to the United Nations
addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the
Security Council**

I wish to address yesterday's consultations and briefings by the Department of Peacekeeping Operations (DPKO) and the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) at the Security Council regarding the provocative attack by the Lebanese Armed Forces (LAF) against an Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) unit. As I noted yesterday in my letter to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council (S/2010/415), the IDF unit — having notified UNIFIL well in advance of its plans — was conducting routine maintenance of the Technical Fence south of the Blue Line.

Since yesterday's briefings and consultations took place hours after the incidents in question and were based only upon initial reports, the facts have become more evident, as reflected by, inter alia, statements by UNIFIL representatives. A UNIFIL spokesperson stated today: "UNIFIL established ... that the trees being cut by the Israeli Army are located south of the Blue Line on the Israeli side".

Owing to the severity of this attack by LAF, Israel expects the Department of Peacekeeping Operations and UNIFIL to promptly conclude their briefing in an informative and comprehensive manner in order to share with the Security Council all of the available facts regarding this serious event. As the Council approaches the consideration of the mandate of UNIFIL, such a briefing will serve the Council in its important discussions in order to help prevent a reoccurrence of this grave incident.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter distributed as a document of the Security Council.

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