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**Identical letters dated 20 December 2015 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council**

Earlier today, three rockets were fired from southern Lebanon at the Israeli city of Nahariyah. These rockets were fired from south of the Litani River and are in blatant violation of Security Council resolution 1701 (2006). Israel holds the Government of Lebanon fully responsible for any attacks coming out of its territory.

Major General Luciano Portolano, Force Commander and Head of Mission of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon, stated clearly that “This is a serious incident in violation of United Nations Security Council resolution 1701 (2006) and is clearly directed at undermining stability in the area”.

The threat that these attacks represent to the stability of the region is magnified by Hezbollah’s ongoing military build-up in southern Lebanon, which is also in clear violation of Security Council resolution 1701 (2006). Every day, new evidence emerges that Hezbollah, an internationally recognized terrorist group, is using southern Lebanon as a military encampment and is embedding its military infrastructure in civilian areas. Hezbollah has stationed thousands of missiles and rockets in the heart of southern Lebanon’s civilian population, in violation of international law.

Israel will not accept any violation of its sovereignty, and will take all necessary measures to protect its citizens.

I call on the Security Council to condemn these violations immediately, and to address the escalation on the part of Lebanon before the situation further escalates.

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

(Signed) Danny **Danon**  
Ambassador  
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