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Letter dated 22 September 1982 from the Permanent Representative of  
China to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you statements concerning the situation in Lebanon and Beirut by the Premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China, His Excellency Mr. Zhao Ziyang, and the spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China, respectively.

I should be grateful if you would have these statements circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 31 and 34, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) LING Qing  
Permanent Representative of the  
People's Republic of China

ANNEX I

Statement dated 22 September 1982 by the Premier of the State Council  
of the People's Republic of China

The Israeli authorities have not only refused to withdraw from the Arab territories occupied by them and obstructed the Palestinian people from regaining their legitimate rights, but have also occupied large tracts of the territory of Lebanon and its capital Beirut. Recently, Israel has gone so far as to carry out bloody massacre of innocent Palestinian civilians, including women and children.

The Chinese Government and people strongly condemn Israel's savage aggression and atrocities. Israel must pull out all its aggressor troops from Lebanon immediately and unconditionally.

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ANNEX II

Statement dated 19 September 1982 by the spokesman of the Ministry of  
Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China

On 15 September Israel outrageously invaded and occupied west Beirut in total defiance of the norms of international law and the agreement reached between the parties concerned. On the 17th, the United Nations Security Council adopted a resolution demanding that the Israeli troops immediately withdraw from Beirut and respect the rights of the civilians. However, the Israeli authorities not only arrogantly refused to implement the abovementioned resolution, but on the 18th went so far as to massacre in cold blood the innocent Palestinian civilians, including women and children. The Chinese Government strongly condemns the Israeli authorities for their grave crimes of invading and occupying Beirut, capital of Lebanon, and of savagely killing the Palestinian civilians. The Chinese Government and people firmly support the Palestinian and other Arab peoples in their just struggles and support the measures the Lebanese Government has adopted for the maintenance of independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity.

The international community absolutely will not allow the Israeli authorities' inhuman atrocities. The United Nations Organizations and all the peace-loving and justice-upholding countries and peoples should take prompt and effective actions to stop as soon as possible the Israeli aggressor troops' atrocities of killing civilians and to force them to withdraw immediately and unconditionally from Beirut and then from the whole of Lebanon.

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