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QUESTION OF THE VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS
IN ANY PART OF THE WORLD, WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO COLONIAL
AND OTHER DEPENDENT COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES

Letter dated 3 March 1987, addressed to the Assistant
Secretary-General for Human Rights by the Permanent
Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations
Office at Geneva

With reference to document E/CN.4/1987/L.41 dated 2 March 1987, containing the draft resolution on the "Situation in the Palestinian camps in Lebanon" (agenda item 12), submitted by the Palestine Liberation Organization, I have the honour to inform you of the Lebanese Government's position regarding this draft resolution.

The Lebanese Government condemns all violations, arbitrary practices and abuses committed against the human being and his dignity.

As a matter of principle, the Lebanese Government is opposed to this draft resolution, and above all for the following reasons:

- (1) The fighting around the Palestinian camps cannot be objectively described as unilateral aggression and a war of extermination; the fighting is between illegal factions and the complainant is a party to the conflict;
- (2) The security of the camps is a matter that falls exclusively within the competence of the host country. It cannot be taken over by any regional or international authority or organization;

(3) The war of the camps forms one part of an overall situation: the war that has been imposed on Lebanon since 1975, one of the main causes being the armed Palestinian presence, and the repercussions affect all civilians living on Lebanese territory, particularly Lebanese citizens.

I should be grateful if you would circulate this letter as an official document at the forty-third session of the Commission on Human Rights and present it at the discussion of draft resolution E/CN.4/1987/L.41.

(Signed) Salim Naffah
Ambassador
Permanent Representative