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LETTER DATED 17 MAY 1980 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF LEBANON TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT
OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Pursuant to our letter of 8 May 1980 (S/13931) I am instructed by my Government to bring to your attention and the attention of the Security Council Israel's continuing acts of aggression against Lebanon.

For the past week, and particularly since 15 May, Israel has been attacking Lebanon by air, sea, and land. Heavy artillery has been used on civilian targets; sea craft have been cruising off the Lebanese coast and have bombarded the City of Tyre and the vicinity of Sidon; air-borne commando operations have taken place which have resulted in civilian casualties and Israeli troops have, on land, conducted military action well inside the Lebanese territory.

Overflights by military aircraft have been observed at various times during the past week in Beirut, Sidon, Tyre, and over South Lebanon in general.

While efforts are being deployed at all levels, and with great intensity, to implement Security Council resolution 467 (1980), Israel's aggression acts are a further challenge to the international community, a violation of the United Nations Charter, of international law and of the General Armistice Agreement of 1949.

The Government of Lebanon, reserving its right to call an urgent meeting of the Security Council, protests in the strongest possible terms and asks that measures be taken to put an end to Israel's acts of hostilities that imperil international peace and security over the area. You are kindly requested to circulate this letter as a document of the Security Council under the item under consideration.

(Signed) Ghassan TUENI
Ambassador
Permanent Representative