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Letter dated 8 May 1987 from the Permanent Representative  
of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the  
Secretary-General

On instructions from my Government, and further to my earlier letters, I have the honour to inform you that, on Friday, 8 May 1987, the Israeli Air Force again bombed the outskirts of the town of Sidon and the Palestinian camps situated in the region.

Eight fighter and bomber aircraft dropped heavy bombs on the camps of Ein el-Hilweh and Mieh Mieh and the villages of Ain ed-Delb and El-Qarieh east of Sidon. This indiscriminate and barbarous bombing left seven victims among the civilian population, including a baby and a young girl, and wounded 34 people, including four young children and nine women. According to the initial reports, considerable material damage was also caused to property and objects of value.

The continuation and escalation of the Israeli attacks are proof of the fearful plans which Israel is putting into effect in south Lebanon and which can no longer be ignored. It is time for the cries of the innocent victims who succumb each day - Lebanese and Palestinians who have settled on Lebanese soil, children, women and old people - to be heeded by the international community represented by the United Nations and the Security Council.

While reiterating its strong condemnation of Israel and of its attacks, the Lebanese Government reaffirms that it is quite seriously envisaging inviting the Security Council to meet and face its responsibilities to curb Israel's aggression

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and prevent it from continuing its attacks, thus protecting peace and security in south Lebanon, in the region and in the world.

I should be grateful if you would arrange for the text of this letter to be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under item 39 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Rachid FAKHOURY  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative

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