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LETTER DATED 15 AUGUST 1980 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE  
OF LEBANON TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On instructions from my Government, and pursuant to my letter of 6 August 1980 (S/14095), I have the honour to draw your attention to yet another instance of Israel's escalation of its aggression against Lebanon, as follows:

14 August 1980:

At 2020 hours, the towns of Nabatiyah and Kfar Rumman were heavily shelled.

At 2230 hours, Israeli troops were landed from a sea-craft north of Sidon. They laid ambush and shot at a passing motor vehicle, killing one person and wounding six others.

Meanwhile, Israeli naval vessels, under the cover of jet aircraft and helicopters, bombarded the northern approaches of the city of Sidon.

15 August 1980:

At 0300 hours, the area south of the village of Bra'shit was shelled, within the area of operation of UNIFIL.

These attacks, in addition to Israel's violation of Lebanon's air space, territorial waters and its constant incursions across the internationally recognized frontier, followed Israeli Ambassador's letter to the Secretary-General (A/35/387-S/14101 dated 12 August 1980) which contained the now customary threat: "the Government of Israel is duty-bound to take all measures necessary to protect the lives and safety of its citizens". The only link found by the Israeli Ambassador between Lebanon and the presumed operations listed in his letter is a radio broadcast from Lebanon.

The Chief-of-Staff of the Israeli Army, General Eytan, commenting on the acts of aggression on Israeli radio, described them as pre-emptive - a policy to which Israel seems to be reverting, despite repeated condemnations by the Security Council and its members.

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While protesting further Israeli aggressions, and the new cycle of violence initiated by Israel, my Government wishes to express its great concern that further defiance of Security Council resolutions can have the gravest consequences on peace and security, not only in Lebanon but in the whole region of the Middle East, at a most sensitive time.

I am instructed by my Government to request that this letter be distributed as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Ghassan TUENI  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative