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LETTER DATED 19 JANUARY 1979 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF YEMEN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF
THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Upon instructions of my Government I have the honour to state the following:

(1) The Government of the Yemen Arab Republic strongly condemns the Israeli/Zionist recent attacks on the Palestinian refugee camp on 16 January and 18 January, inside Lebanese territory which is a continuation of its act of aggression and terrorism.

(2) The continued presence of Israeli military personnel on Lebanese territory, which has been confirmed by UNIFIL and stated by the Secretary-General in his report, document S/13026 dated 12 January 1979, is a flagrant violation of the United Nations Charter and Security Council resolutions 425 (1978) and 426 (1978).

(3) The condemnable Israeli persistent interference in the domestic affairs of Lebanon, a sovereign and Member State of the United Nations, through military assistance and protections to outlawed groups, is obstructing the mandate of UNIFIL and consequently the restoration of Lebanese authority on its territory.

In view of the foregoing facts, it has become imperative upon the Security Council to take effective measures within the provision of Chapter VII of the Charter against Israel, to put an end to Israeli aggressive aims to maintain its military occupation of south Lebanon, thus endangering international peace and security.

I respectfully request that this letter be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Ahmed AL-HADDAD
Ambassador
Permanent Representative
