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Letter dated 13 October 1980 from the Permanent Representative of
Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government, and further to my letter of 3 October 1980 (A/35/510), protesting Israel's acts of aggression and its violations of Security Council resolutions and of the Armistice Agreement, I have the honour to draw your attention to continued Israeli movement within the Lebanese territory.

Recent reports received by my Government confirm Israel's building of a new fence in the area of the village of Aadeisse placing the area south of it under total Israeli control, thus effectively moving northward the international border.

Furthermore, the Israeli Army is at present undertaking the construction of "patrol roads" in that same area and have established fixed Israeli military positions for which it is carrying out major topographical changes.

My Government wishes also to draw your attention to the fact that the United Nations Observers have been subjected in recent days to continued harassment with the obvious intention of preventing them from reporting on the above-mentioned violations.

While protesting in the strongest possible terms against the continued violations, my Government considers it imperative that a meeting of the Mixed Armistice Commission should be called to discuss the situation in accordance with the Armistice Agreement and the Security Council resolutions reaffirming it. We consider it of the utmost importance that measures should be taken to put an end immediately to the above-mentioned violations and to enable UNIFIL and UNTSO to act freely and fully in implementation of their mandate.

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I would be grateful to Your Excellency if you could have this letter circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under agenda item 26.

(Signed) Ghassan TUENI
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