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Identical letters dated 10 January 2019 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I inform you of the following:

Lebanon would like to make you aware of troubling and dangerous new developments along its southern border over the past few hours. Israel has committed a new violation of Lebanese sovereignty by proceeding with construction of a wall and other installations inside Lebanese territory at points along the Blue Line with regard to which Lebanon maintains a claim, near the settlement called Misgav Am.

Lebanon strongly condemns this new Israeli violation, which it regards as a flagrant violation of Security Council resolution [1701 \(2006\)](#). Given the seriousness of this new violation, the Supreme Defence Council has convened urgently, chaired by the President of the Republic and the Head of Government, and issued a clear and resolute statement against it.

Lebanon reiterates its resolve to defend every inch of its soil and waters, and its readiness to continue the process of negotiations to resolve existing border disputes on the basis of the tripartite mechanism. It calls on the Security Council to act on its responsibilities in this regard with a view to ensuring full and unconditional respect by Israel for Lebanese sovereignty and resolution [1701 \(2006\)](#) and bringing about an immediate end to this Israeli violation. It calls on the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) to carry out its role fully, within its mandate, to ensure security along the border.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 38, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Amal **Mudallali**
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