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Letter dated 8 May 1981 from the Chairman of the Committee
on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian
People addressed to the Secretary-General

In my capacity as Chairman of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, I have the honour to convey to you the serious concern of the Committee at the situation created by the acts committed by Israel in Lebanon.

The attacks perpetrated on several occasions by Israel against Palestinian refugee camps in Lebanon have caused the death of several Palestinian civilians. It is to be feared that, if Israel continues its acts of violence and destruction, the victims of such brutal aggressions will soon engage in counteractions, which would bring about an escalation of the violence.

It seems obvious that - as, indeed, the Israeli leaders have expressly stated - the intention of the Israeli Government is to destroy the infrastructures of PLO, the organization which has been recognized by the United Nations as the representative of the Palestinian people.

The Committee is naturally deeply concerned at these recent events, which are exacerbating tensions and are all constituting obstacles to a peaceful settlement of the Middle East problem. It is vital to draw the attention of Israel to the dangers involved in the acts committed against the Palestinians in Lebanon.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under item 31 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Massamba SARRE
Chairman of the Committee on the
Exercise of the Inalienable Rights
of the Palestinian People

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