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LETTER DATED 23 DECEMBER 1978 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE  
OF EGYPT TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF  
THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Upon instruction of my Government, I enclose herewith the text of the statement issued by the spokesman of the Egyptian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, on 22 December 1978, regarding the latest Israeli aggression against the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Lebanon.

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

(Signed) Dr. A. Esmat ABDEL MEGUID  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative of the  
Arab Republic of Egypt

Annex

Yesterday, Egypt together with the International Community deplored Israel's aggression against Lebanon. Notwithstanding such wide condemnation Israel, today, has once again reverted to committing a new act of aggression against Lebanon by shelling Lebanese territory by means of long-range artillery.

This new act of aggression confirms Israel's consistent policy of violating the basic norms and principles of International Law as well as the endangering of international peace and security. Further, such irresponsible action has gravely imperiled the lives of Lebanese civilians and those of the United Nations Interim Forces.

Such action, no doubt, is a flagrant defiance of the efforts undertaken by the United States, in co-operation with Egypt, towards the elimination of the obstacles placed by Israel to hinder the process of establishing a just and lasting peace in the Middle East.

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