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CUESTION DE LA VIOLACION DE LOS DERECHOS HUMANOS Y LAS LIBERTADES
FUNDAMENTALES EN CUALQUIER PARTE DEL MUNDO, Y ESPECIALMENTE EN
LOS PAISES Y TERRITORIOS COLONIALES Y DEPENDIENTES

Carta de fecha 24 de abril de 1996 dirigida al Presidente de la
Comisión de Derechos Humanos en su 52º período de sesiones por
el Representante Permanente del Reino de Marruecos ante la
Oficina de las Naciones Unidas en Ginebra

Tengo el honor de transmitirle adjunto a la presente* el texto de una declaración sobre la situación en el Líbano formulada ante el 52º período de sesiones de la Comisión de Derechos Humanos en nombre de los Estados miembros de la Organización de la Conferencia Islámica.

Mucho le agradeceré que tenga a bien hacer distribuir el presente texto como documento del 52º período de sesiones de la Comisión de Derechos Humanos.

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Representante Permanente del
Reino de Marruecos

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ANNEX

**O.I.C. MEMBER STATES DECLARATION
BEFORE THE 52nd SESSION OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS
COMMISSION ON THE SITUATION IN LEBANON**

We have recently witnessed the Israeli massacre of 103 innocent civilians, among whom were 70 children, who sought shelter in a UNIFIL headquarter after being, cold bloodedly and deliberately targeted by the Israeli army. During the same day, the Israelis had slaughtered all eleven members of a single Lebanese family. These are a few examples of the daily massacres which have been going on since the 11th of April against the Lebanese people. The Israeli large-scale military aggression has claimed a tremendous toll on innocent civilian lives, inflicting numerous casualties among the civilian population and leading to the exodus of over half a million people who were forced to flee their homes in South Lebanon and the Western Bekaa region. Villages, towns and cities throughout Lebanon have been targeted by the heavy and devastating Israeli aerial, naval and land bombardments, including the capital Beirut and its suburbs. The scope of the Israeli aggression has inflicted severe damages to vital socio-economic infrastructure.

The Israeli aggression stands in stark violation of the International Law, International Humanitarian Law and the fundamental principles of human rights. Israel cannot and may not under any pretext justify this brutal military campaign against Lebanon. Its occupation of parts of Southern Lebanon and the Bekaa valley is the very source of continued violence and conflict in that area. Under such circumstances, National Resistance is a legitimate right of self-defense in accordance with International Law.

The immediate, unconditional and complete withdrawal of Israeli occupation forces from Lebanon, in compliance with the Security Council resolution 425, is the only solution and guarantee for peace and security in the region. The continuing Israeli aggression is gravely undermining the entire peace process in the Middle East, started at the Madrid Conference in 1992.

The OIC member states:

- Strongly condemn the Israeli military aggression on Lebanon, and in particular, the massacre of civilians on April 18 th 1996, affirming that such attacks cannot be justified under any pretext.

- Express their full solidarity with the Lebanese Government and people in their legitimate cause.
- Reaffirm the right of Lebanon to self-defense and resistance against continued Israeli occupation .
- Demand an immediate cessation of military aggression by Israel on Lebanon and its population, and the full respect its independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity.
- Call upon the international community to provide Lebanon with urgent humanitarian assistance.
- Hold Israel responsible for the consequences of its aggression and support the right of the Lebanese Government and people to adequate compensations and indemnities.
- Call upon the Commission on Human Rights to condemn the massive and gross violations of the fundamental human rights of the Lebanese people by Israel. Furthermore, request the Chairman of the 52nd session of the Commission on Human Rights to issue a declaration condemning Israel's grave violations of human rights in Lebanon which include the right to life and a secure shelter, as well as condemning the killing of Lebanese civilians, causing massive displacements, the destruction of private properties as well as Lebanon's infrastructure which constitute a grave violation of the Geneva Conventions and International Law.