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LETTER DATED 13 JUNE 1978 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF ISRAEL
TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions of my Government I enclose a letter from the Minister for Foreign Affairs to you.

I should be grateful if arrangements could be made to circulate this letter as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Chaim HERZOG
Permanent Representative of Israel
to the United Nations

Annex

Letter dated 13 June 1978 from the Minister for Foreign
Affairs of Israel addressed to the Secretary-General

The withdrawal of the Israel Defence Forces from southern Lebanon has been completed today. Israel has accordingly fulfilled its part in the implementation of Security Council resolution 425 (1978).

On the other hand, according to reliable information, hundreds of terrorists, members of the PLO, have, in the wake of the Israeli withdrawal, returned to southern Lebanon. Moreover, it appears that UNIFIL is permitting the transit of food and other supplies to the terrorists and that the latter, for their part, are clandestinely introducing arms and other military equipment into the area.

It is also known that some units of UNIFIL treat these PLO elements with indulgence and even co-operate with them, and that there are official PLO liaison officers in touch with UNIFIL.

These facts stand in contradiction with the position expressed by you at our meeting in Jerusalem on 18 April 1978, in confirmation of the position set out in my letter to you of 14 April 1978.

The present situation is not only in violation of your statement to me on this matter but also bodes ill for the future.

It is the duty of UNIFIL to ensure the full implementation of the as yet unaccomplished purposes of resolution 425 (1978). Only strict implementation of resolutions 425 (1978) and 426 (1978) will ensure that tranquillity will prevail in southern Lebanon.

We look to you for immediate action in conformity with your undertaking to prevent the entry into the area of elements or units of the PLO and to expel those already there.

Moshe DAYAN
Minister for Foreign Affairs
