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With reference to the situation in Lebanon, I have the honour, on instructions from my Government, to state the following:

Israel is a neighbouring country whose civilian population has for many years suffered from murderous attacks by the so-called PLO, organized and launched from its bases throughout Lebanon. Consequently, Israel supports the objective set out by the Security Council in the statement read by the President at its meeting on 26 April 1979 (S/13272), namely, "the return of the Lebanese Government's effective authority over all of its territory".

This, indeed, is the crux of the matter. It is a regrettable fact that for all practical purposes Lebanon is occupied and controlled by foreign forces, namely by the Syrian Army and the terrorist PLO, and that even in Beirut, not to speak of other wide areas of the country, the Government of Lebanon does not exercise effective authority.

Under these circumstances it is essential that the call of the Security Council contained in the President's statement of 26 April 1979, for "strict respect for the territorial integrity, unity, sovereignty, and political independence of Lebanon within its internationally recognized boundaries" should be implemented through the prompt withdrawal from Lebanon of those foreign forces of occupation.

It is obvious that in the present situation of foreign domination and intervention in Lebanon, imposed by Syria and the so-called PLO against the true interests of the people of Lebanon, the concepts of Lebanese "sovereignty" and "Lebanese Government's effective authority" cannot be realized.

I have the honour to request that this letter be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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