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Note verbale dated 10 June 1982 from the Permanent Representative
of Fiji to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Representative of Fiji to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to enclose herewith the text of a statement issued by the Government of Fiji on 8 June 1982 regarding the recent Israeli invasion against Lebanon.

The Permanent Representative of Fiji requests that this note and its annex be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 34 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

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ANNEX

The Government of Fiji is deeply concerned at the recent resurgence of violence in Southern Lebanon which poses serious threat to peace and security in the area. It deplores the violation of the ceasefire-lines and the ignoring of the presence of the United Nations' peacekeeping forces in Southern Lebanon, which includes soldiers from Fiji. The Government is naturally very concerned as the Israeli military action renders the task of UNIFIL extremely difficult and also undermines the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Lebanon. The Fiji Government fully supports the unanimous Security Council demand for an immediate ceasefire and the complete withdrawal of the invading Israeli forces from Lebanon forthwith and unconditionally. This would be consistent with Fiji's longstanding position that conflicts in the area must be resolved through peaceful means.

The Government of Fiji is watching the developments in the area very carefully and is in close consultation with the United Nations and the other troop-contributing States. It earnestly hopes that normalcy would soon return to the area.
