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Letter dated 10 June 1982 from the Permanent Representative of Mongolia
to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the statement, dated 9 June 1982, by the representative of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Mongolian People's Republic.

I request you, Sir, to circulate this statement as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 34 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Buyantyn DASHTSEREN
Permanent Representative

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Statement by the Representative of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
of the Mongolian People's Republic

The Government of the Mongolian People's Republic and the Mongolian people have received with a feeling of profound indignation and anger the news of Israel's large-scale armed aggression against Lebanon. Israeli troops, supported by a large number of tanks and artillery units, have again invaded Lebanon and are subjecting Lebanese towns and settlements and Palestinian refugee camps to intensive shelling and barbaric bombing. As a result of the massive Israeli invasion, hundreds of innocent people are dying.

In carrying out its new overt aggression against the Lebanese people, Israel is blatantly trampling the most elementary rules of international law, the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and the repeated decisions of the Security Council, including its recent decision calling for an immediate cease-fire in Lebanon.

Israel's large-scale intervention against Lebanon, prepared and planned in advance, is an integral part of Israel's expansionist policy and is designed to liquidate the Palestine Liberation Organization, suppress the struggle of the Arab people of Palestine for the exercise of its legitimate rights, dismember Lebanon and establish a puppet State there. The Israeli military are obviously pursuing the goal of intimidating the Arab countries, particularly their progressive forces, which are in the vanguard of the struggle against imperialism, zionism and reaction.

Hurling an open challenge to peace-loving States, Israel is exacerbating to the utmost the already tense situation in the Middle East and is endangering peace in that region and throughout the world.

It is beyond doubt that these criminal actions of the Israeli invaders were made possible by comprehensive support from the United States of America and are a direct consequence of the anti-Arab Camp David accords and the "strategic co-operation" between the United States and Israel. It is quite clear that the United States of America is counting on Israel as the principal instrument for realizing its own military-strategic plans in that part of the world.

The Government of the Mongolian People's Republic and the Mongolian people, strongly condemning the arrogant actions of the Israeli military against the Lebanese and Palestinian peoples and calling for their immediate cessation and the withdrawal of Israeli troops from Lebanese territory, declare once again that the responsibility for this crime must be borne by Israel and also by the United States, under whose protection all of these hostile actions against the peoples of the Middle East are being perpetrated.

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The Government of the Mongolian People's Republic and the Mongolian people, in fervent solidarity with the Lebanese and Palestinian peoples, again express their unswerving support for those peoples' just struggle to defend the independence and territorial integrity of Lebanon and for the exercise of the legitimate national rights of the Arab people of Palestine.

Ulan Bator, 9 June 1982
