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

On orders from my Government, I have the honour to bring to your attention the following press communiqué issued on 8 June 1982 dealing with the situation now prevailing in Lebanon:

"The Supreme Military Council and the Government are deeply concerned at the tragic events now taking place in Lebanon as a result of the acts of war undertaken by Israel.

These acts constitute a serious violation of the integrity and sovereignty of the Lebanese State and a barbarous attack against the population of that country. In the face of these unacceptable acts, the Supreme Military Council and the Government reaffirm Niger's support for the martyred Lebanese people and their attachment to the need to respect the independence, sovereignty and unity of Lebanon. They also reaffirm their conviction that any lasting settlement of the Middle East crisis must necessarily involve recognition of the inalienable right of the Palestinian people to establish on the soil of their fatherland a State under the leadership of the PLO, its one and only representative".

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I would be grateful if you would have the text of this letter circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 34 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Idé OUMAROU  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative

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