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Letter dated 11 June 1982 from the Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of the
Permanent Mission of Singapore to the United Nations addressed
to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to request you to circulate the attached document, a statement by the Foreign Ministers of the States members of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) issued in Singapore by His Excellency Mr. S. Dhanabalan, Chairman of the ASEAN Standing Committee and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Singapore, as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 34 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Barry DESKER
Chargé d'Affaires a.i.

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Statement by the Foreign Ministers of the States members of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) on the situation in Lebanon, issued on 11 June 1982 by the Chairman of the ASEAN Standing Committee and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Singapore

The Foreign Ministers of the ASEAN countries strongly condemn the latest military aggression by Israel in invading Lebanon, thereby violating the territorial integrity and sovereignty of Lebanon and causing great loss of life and destruction of property. By its acts, Israel has contravened the principles enshrined in the United Nations Charter and disregarded the decisions of the United Nations Security Council. Israel's aggression against Lebanon has resulted in greater instability and turmoil in the Middle East and poses the danger of a wider conflagration. It has also undermined efforts on the part of the international community to find a peaceful settlement of the conflict in the Middle East. The Ministers fully support the United Nations Security Council's resolutions calling for a cease-fire and the immediate and unconditional withdrawal of Israeli forces from Lebanon.
