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LETTER DATED 26 APRIL 1982 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE
UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED
TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of a statement issued
by TASS on 22 April 1982.

I request you to have this statement circulated as a document of the Security
Council.

(Signed) O. TROYANOVSKY

Annex

STATEMENT ISSUED BY TASS ON 22 APRIL 1982

Israel has once again perpetrated a piratical act of aggression against Lebanon. Its aircraft carried out a massive bombing raid on the capital of that sovereign State, Beirut, and on other Lebanese towns and villages. Once again the blood of completely innocent people is being shed; children, women and old men are dying.

It is a known fact that the Israeli leaders have long harboured expansionist designs against Lebanon. They would at the same time like to strike an effective blow against the Palestine Liberation Organization, that staunch vanguard of the Palestinian Arabs, who are seeking to restore their lawful rights. In Tel Aviv it is no secret that the new, gangster-like action was undertaken in order to "punish" the Palestinians for the mass demonstrations by the inhabitants of the occupied Arab lands, which have now been going on for several weeks, to try to put fear into the hearts of the Palestinian people and to break their will and determination in their fight for freedom and independence.

Committing acts of aggression one after the other, Israel openly defies peace-loving States and cynically demonstrates that its foreign policy is aimed at annexing others' lands, trampling on the interests of other peoples and disregarding their views and the United Nations Charter.

Responsibility for Israel's provocative behaviour is shared by the United States of America, which arms and finances the aggressor and provides a political cover-up for the annexationist policy of Tel Aviv, thereby inciting it to commit new criminal anti-Arab acts. The aggression against Lebanon is a direct outcome of American-Israeli strategic co-operation under which Israel pursues its own objectives and simultaneously acts as a tool for achieving the military strategic aims of American imperialism in the Middle East.

In the Soviet Union the Israeli air raid against Lebanon is categorically condemned and it is considered that the United Nations Security Council must take, at last, effective measures to call to order this out-and-out aggressor. This is necessary in the interests of all peoples of the Middle East; it is necessary in the cause of peace and security throughout the world.
