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Letter dated 15 June 1982 from the Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of the
Permanent Mission of Pakistan to the United Nations addressed to
the Secretary-General

I have the honour to forward herewith a statement issued on 8 June 1982 by a spokesman of the Foreign Office of the Government of Pakistan on the situation in Lebanon.

I shall be grateful if you could kindly have this letter and the attached statement circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under items 31 and 34 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Khalid MAHMOOD
Acting Permanent Representative

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ANNEX

Statement issued by a spokesman of the Foreign Office of the
Government of Pakistan in Islamabad, on 8 June 1982, on the
situation in Lebanon

Pakistan has condemned the barbaric Israeli aggression against Lebanon and has demanded that Israel immediately end its aggression, cease all hostile acts and unconditionally withdraw its forces from Lebanon.

A Foreign Office spokesman said in Islamabad that the criminal Israeli aggression against Lebanon had sent a wave of deep indignation and resentment in Pakistan. This invasion of Lebanon was preceded by indiscriminate air and naval bombardment which had resulted in the death of a large number of innocent civilians.

He said that this was yet another instance of Israel's contemptuous disregard for the principles of the United Nations Charter as well as international law and morality. The Government of Pakistan, while fully supporting the Security Council's resolution demanding an immediate cease-fire and unconditional withdrawal of Israeli forces from Lebanon, urges all countries to condemn unequivocally the brutal use of force by Israel and to take all possible measures to frustrate its aggressive and expansionist designs.

The spokesman said that in this hour of trial the people of Pakistan reaffirm their total solidarity with the people of Lebanon and their Palestinian brethren who are waging a heroic struggle against Zionist expansionism and aggression.
