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THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Letter dated 17 June 1982 from the Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of the
Permanent Mission of Viet Nam to the United Nations addressed to
the Secretary-General

I have the honour to forward herewith the message dated 11 June 1982, addressed to His Excellency Mr. Yasser Arafat, Chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization, by His Excellency Mr. Truong Chinh, President of the Council of State of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, on the extremely grave situation in Lebanon caused by Israel's war of aggression, and kindly request Your Excellency to have this note and its enclosure circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under items 31 and 34 of the preliminary list.

(signed) NGUYEN NGOC DUNG
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Permanent Mission of the Socialist
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ANNEX

Message from President Truong Chinh to Mr. Y. Arafat, Chairman of the
Palestine Liberation Organization

PRESIDENT TRUONG CHINH'S MESSAGE TO P.L.O. CHAIRMAN Y. ARAFAT.

It is my pleasure to receive your letter dated on June 9th 1982 on the extremely grave situation in Lebanon caused by Israel's war of aggression encouraged and supported by the U.S. imperialism.

The fact that the Zionist Israel, the henchman of U.S. imperialism is unleashing a large-scale war of aggression against Lebanon and committing brutal crimes against the Palestinian and Lebanese peoples, is not only a blatant violation of Lebanon's independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity but also a serious threat to peace and security of other nations in this region and in the world as a whole. This is the action of calculated escalation of aggression of U.S. imperialists and Israel in an attempt to suppress the resistance of the Palestinian people and seize complete control of Lebanon.

The Socialist Republic of Viet Nam vehemently condemns such action of aggression of Zionist Israel, resolutely demands the immediate and unconditional withdrawal of Israeli troops out of Lebanese territory.

The Socialist Republic of Viet Nam reiterates its militant solidarity with and firm support for the just and bound to be victorious fight of the Palestinian people under the P.L.O. leadership and the other Arab peoples against Israeli Zionism and U.S. imperialism to wrest back the Palestinian peoples legitimate national rights and to defend national independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Arab countries.

I believe that in spite of many difficulties and hardships, the Palestinian people's revolutionary cause will win glorious victory.

Please accept, Mr. Chairman, my militant and solidarity greetings.

Ha Noi, June 11, 1982

TRUONG CHINH
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF STATE OF THE
SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM.
