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Letter dated 18 June 1982 from the Chargé d'Affaires a.i.  
of the Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations  
addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith a message from His Excellency Mr. Fidel Castro Ruz, in his capacity as Chairman of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries. I should be grateful if you would have it circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under items 31 and 34 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Rolando LOPEZ DEL AMO  
Ambassador  
Alternate Permanent Representative

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ANNEX

Message from the Chairman of the Movement of Non-Aligned  
Countries addressed to the Secretary-General

The barbarous aggression of Israel against Lebanon and the Palestine Resistance continues in the face of the international community's inability to put an end to it. The aggressors continue to flout the most basic norms of international law, to pay no heed to United Nations decisions and to claim to be unaware of the growing, indignant condemnation of the peoples of the world.

Tens of thousands of Palestinians and Lebanese have already fallen prey to the slaughter, terror and destruction which have been unleashed, with repugnant viciousness, by the Tel Aviv authorities. Many Palestine refugee camps have been destroyed and their inhabitants brutally ejected. For several days, the Zionist invaders have been laying siege to and attacking the city of Beirut, the capital of a sovereign and independent State, which is a Member of the United Nations. The crimes committed, the atrocities, the grief and suffering imposed on the civilian population, including women and children, increase with every hour that passes.

The United Nations has an inescapable and pressing duty to act in order to check the aggressors, put an end to their barbarous aggression and restore peace. It is a matter, not only of arresting the commitment of a monstrous crime against the Palestinian and Lebanese peoples, but also of safeguarding the prestige and moral authority of the United Nations, which would be gravely impaired if it was unable, at this tragic and crucial time, to fulfil its obligations.

Mankind cannot watch impassively as the noble and heroic Palestinian people is exterminated. It expects the United Nations to take firm, decisive and immediate action. The Security Council must ensure that its resolutions are complied with. The General Assembly must raise its voice to defend the peoples that are victims of the aggression and to restrain the aggressors.

I request you, Sir, as Secretary-General, to do all in your power, to ensure that the Organization puts an end to this criminal operation against the peoples of Palestine and Lebanon and to bring about an immediate and unconditional withdrawal of Israeli troops.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Fidel CASTRO RUZ  
Chairman of the Movement of  
Non-Aligned Countries

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