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QUESTION OF PALESTINE

THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST

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 President of the General Assembly

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.

(Signed) Roland 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 President of the General Assembly

While the General Assembly is considering questions relating to disarmament and peace, the territory of Lebanon, one of its Members, is being subjected to a brutal invasion which has already resulted in tens of thousands of victims, enormous destruction and unspeakable suffering for the civilian population. While the Assembly is discussing measures that might be taken to prevent war, halt the arms race and promote disarmament, the Israeli troops are carrying out a most ferocious and repugnant aggression against the Palestine Resistance and the Lebanese people in which they are using sophisticated military methods and resources that were obtained through the intimate collaboration of the United States imperialists.

This tragic and outrageous situation cannot escape the notice of the General Assembly. In order to create a climate favourable to world peace, disarmament and the reduction of international tension, it is of the utmost importance and urgency to ensure that criminal actions as abominable as those being committed by Israel at this time are not carried out with impunity.

I firmly believe, Sir, that the General Assembly has the duty to take immediate action in order to put an end to the Israeli aggression and to secure the immediate and unconditional withdrawal of the invading troops. I request you to do your utmost to ensure that the General Assembly assumes its responsibilities at this crucial time.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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