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Letter dated 15 July 1982 from the Permanent Representative of  
China to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to enclose herewith the text of a message dated 12 July 1982 from the Foreign Minister of the People's Republic of China, Mr. Huang Hua, to the extraordinary ministerial meeting of the Co-ordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Countries in Nicosia and kindly request that it be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under items 31 and 34 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) LING Qing  
Permanent Representative of the  
People's Republic of China  
to the United Nations

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Text of Chinese Foreign Minister Mr. Huang Hua's Message dated 12 July 1982 to the Extraordinary Ministerial Meeting of the Coordinating Bureau of the Non-aligned Countries in Nicosia

On the occasion of the convocation of the extraordinary ministerial meeting of the Coordinating Bureau of the Non-aligned Countries on the situation in Lebanon, I wish to extend, on behalf of the Chinese Government and people, our greetings to the meeting.

Since 4 June, the Begin authorities of Israel, backed and abetted by the United States, have launched a most barbarous invasion against Lebanon and wilfully slaughtered innocent Palestinian and Lebanese peoples, thus seriously aggravating the situation in the Middle East region and menacing the peace and security of the world. This has aroused grave concern of the international community. I would like to take this opportunity to state the position of the Chinese Government as follows:

--We sternly condemn the Israeli authorities for their genocidal invasion against the Palestinian and Lebanese peoples in disregard of the U.N. Charter and basic principles of international law; Israel must stop forthwith its invasion against Lebanon and withdraw unconditionally all its troops from that country in implementation of the relevant resolutions of the U.N. General Assembly and the Security Council;

--We maintain that the Palestinian people must regain their national rights and that the Palestine Liberation Organization, as the sole legal representative of the Palestinian people, has the right to participate in a comprehensive and just settlement of the Middle East question;

--The independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of Lebanon must be respected and no country is allowed to interfere in the internal affairs of Lebanon;

--In our view, the immediate pressing task is to stop

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Israeli attack against Beirut and force Israel to lift its seige of Beirut and then to withdraw all its troops from Lebanon. The internal problems among various parties of the Arabs should be resolved by themselves through consultations; The question of Israeli aggression must not be mixed up with the Arab internal problems, and it is all the more impermissible for outside forces to interfere in the internal affairs of the Arabs;

--We appeal to all Non-aligned countries and other peace-loving and justice-upholding countries and peoples of the world to take urgent actions and work together to stop the Israeli acts of aggression, support the just cause of the Palestinian and Arab peoples and maintain peace in the Middle East.

I am sure that the extraordinary ministerial meeting of the Coordinating Bureau of the Non-aligned countries will make positive contributions to preserving the principles of the U.N. Charter and norms guiding international relations and to the maintenance of peace in the Middle East and the world at large.

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