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QUESTION OF PALESTINE

THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Letter dated 10 August 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 transmit to you herewith the telegram dated 4 August 1982 from Mr. Vo Dong Giang, Chairman of the Vietnamese National Commission for UNESCO, addressed to Mr. Amadou-Mahtar M'Bow, Director-General of UNESCO, protesting against the fierce bombing of Beirut by the Israeli aggressors.

I request you to circulate this note and the telegram as an official document of the General Assembly, under items 31 and 34 of the provisional agenda.

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ANNEX

TELEGRAM

MR. AMADOU-MAHTAR M'BOW

Director-General of UNESCO

PARIS

According to the news from agencies, the Israeli aggressors in Lebanon have bombarded Beirut fiercely, going so far as to use against the Lebanese people and the Palestinians savage weapons of mass extermination, such as cluster bombs, phosphorus bombs and other devices carrying toxic substances. Thousands of women, children and old people have been massacred and several historical and cultural monuments demolished.

Sons of a people who have endured 30 years of an atrocious war of aggression from imperialism and suffered the most barbarous weapons of the enemy, representatives of different institutions and workers in the fields of education, science, culture and information in the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, the members of the Vietnamese National Commission for UNESCO, meeting today in special session, are unanimous in addressing themselves to the Director-General of UNESCO in order to:

1. Express their lively indignation and their strong condemnation of the crimes of genocide and destruction perpetrated by the Israeli aggressors against the Lebanese people and the Palestinians and against the cultural and historical works of the Lebanese people, in flagrant and gross violation of the norms of international law, the 1949 Geneva Convention and the resolutions of the Security Council of the United Nations.

2. Request urgently the Director-General to use his authority and the competence of UNESCO to halt, as soon as possible, the bloody hands of the Israeli aggressors in Lebanon.

3. Request the Director-General to include in the agenda of the next session of the Executive Board of UNESCO the question of Israeli aggression in Lebanon and the crimes of genocide and destruction perpetrated there by the aggressors.

Highest consideration.

HA NOI, 4 August 1982
VO DONG GIANG
CHAIRMAN OF THE VIETNAMESE
NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR UNESCO - HA NOI
