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LETTER DATED 30 JULY 1982 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF LEBANON TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to enclose the text of an appeal addressed by H.E. Mr. Munir Abu-Fadel, Deputy Speaker of the Lebanese House of Parliament, to the Speakers of Parliament of the following countries: the United States of America, France, the United Kingdom, Canada, Italy, Switzerland, Belgium, the Federal Republic of Germany, Greece, Austria and the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia. The same text was also forwarded to Mr. Charles Percy, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee of the United States.

I have the honour to request that this appeal be distributed as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Ghassan TUENI Ambassador Permanent Representative

Annex

Appeal addressed by H.E. Mr. Munir Abu-Fadel, Deputy Speaker of the Lebanese House of Parliament, to the Speakers of Parliament of the United States of America, France, the United Kingdom, Canada, Italy, Switzerland, Belgium, the Federal Republic of Germany, Greece, Austria and the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, and Mr. Charles Percy, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee of the United States on 30 July 1982

The free peoples of the world are appalled by the inhumanity of Israel's blockade of West Beirut as the sufferings of its 700,000 guiltless men, women and children, deprived of water, electricity, food, fuel, medical supplies and simple dignity, multiply daily.

Representations of H.E. Ambassador Philip Habib, the United States Presidential Envoy, to Israel to restore the basic human rights of the Lebanese have been ignored.

The condemnation of Israel by the world press has failed.

Appeals to the conscience of Israel have been scorned.

In its extremity, besieged Beirut asks you to demand that Israel observe international law, civilized behaviour and biblical injunction "... to deliver the island of the innocent ..." (Job 22:30) by lifting its genocidal siege.