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LETTER DATED 1 AUGUST 1982 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF
LEBANON TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

In accordance with the provisions of Security Council resolutions 508 (1982), 509 (1982) and 516 (1982), I am instructed by my Government to request the stationing of United Nations observers in the Beirut area to ensure that the cease-fire is fully observed by all concerned.

My Government wishes to state that this request is made pursuant to our letter of 7 June 1982, transmitted to the Council in your report (S/15178), where Lebanon's position vis-à-vis the cease-fire has been stated unequivocally. This position remains unchanged by present developments. Our request, therefore, is made without prejudice to Lebanon's well-known attitude regarding the validity of the General Armistice Agreement of 1949 with Israel.

In this context we wish to reiterate Lebanon's strongly-held viewpoint that all matters related to Lebanon's territory or involving, in any manner or form, Lebanon's territorial integrity, sovereignty, and independence, should be dealt with solely and exclusively with the Government of Lebanon and its representatives.

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

(Signed) Ghassan TUENI
Ambassador
Permanent Representative