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Letter dated 8 July 1982 from the Chargé d'Affaires of the Permanent Mission of Seychelles to the United Nations

addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of a message which Mr. France Albert René, President of the Republic of Seychelles, sent to His Excellency Mr. Elias Sarkis, President of the Lebanese Republic, on 10 June 1982.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this message distributed as an official document of the General Assembly, under items 31 and 34 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(<u>Signed</u>) Giovinella GONTHIER Chargé d'Affaires

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## ANNEX

## Message dated 10 June 1982 from the President of the Republic of Seychelles addressed to the President of the Lebanese Republic

Israel's criminal aggression against the territorial integrity and sovereignty of Lebanon and of the Lebanese people has aroused the profound indignation of the people and Government of Seychelles.

What makes this aggression all the more reprehensible is the fact that its Zionist authors, using the attack on their Ambassador in London as a pretext, took it upon themselves to attribute responsibility for the attack to the Palestinian people and its legitimate representatives so that Israel would have an excuse to massacre the Lebanese and Palestinian peoples and dismember your country for expansionist ends.

The Government and people of Seychelles unequivocally condemn the Israeli aggression of which your country and its people, together with the sister Palestinian people, are once again the victims today and join with the Security Council and the international community in calling for the immediate withdrawal of the Zionist forces from Lebanon. You are assured of the solidarity of the people and Government of Seychelles with the people and Government of Lebanon in these difficult moments for your country.

France Albert RENE
President of the Republic of Seychelles