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OF SURINAME TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE
SECURITY COUNCIL

The Permanent Representative of the Republic of Suriname to the United Nations, upon instructions of his Government, wishes to communicate to the President of the Security Council of the United Nations, the following:

The Government of the Republic of Suriname is greatly shocked by the latest developments in Lebanon where violence has once again erupted after the brutal assassination of the President-elect, Mr. Bashir Gemayel.

The Government of Suriname learned with deep horror of the slaughter of hundreds of innocent Palestinian men, women and children in the refugee camps Sabra and Shatilla on September 15, 16 and 17. This savage act of human carnage has taken place in an area where Israel, as an occupying force assumed responsibility for law and order.

The Government of Suriname vehemently condemns this genocidal act and holds Israel as the occupying force responsible for this act against humanity.

The Government of Suriname holds the view that the continued acts of violation against the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Lebanon as well as acts of oppression against the people of Lebanon and the Palestinian civilians in the refugee camps reached a climax with the invasion of Israeli forces into West Beirut.

The Government of the Republic of Suriname is of the opinion that these acts constitute a flagrant violation of the agreement reached between the parties and urgently calls for an end to the violence. The assurances given by Israel to restore peace and order are cynical and seem to serve as a pretext to annihilation of the Palestinian People and inflict more destruction and human suffering upon the Lebanese and Palestinian People and therefore strongly condemns Israel for these acts.

I have the honour to request, Your Excellency, to circulate this communication as a document of the Security Council.
