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Letter dated 16 September 1982 from the Permanent Representative  
of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya to the United Nations addressed  
to the Secretary-General

The Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya wishes to draw your attention to the gravity of the situation in the Arab region and to the bloody events taking place in Lebanon and in Beirut, the Lebanese capital itself, inasmuch as the Zionist invading forces proceeded to devastate Beirut, on 15 September 1982, after the completion of the evacuation of the Palestinian resistance, which demonstrates United States-Zionist co-ordination to clear the way for the Zionist aggressor forces to implement their expansionist policy and realize their ambitions by the use of force and intervention in the internal affairs of an independent country, which is a Member of the international Organization. This emphasizes that this entity is based on terrorism and aggression and on a racist foundation, religious discrimination and the seizure of the territory of others by force and that it is still persisting in those practices.

The United Nations must assume its responsibilities in the face of these repeated and successive acts of aggression, in accordance with the Charter, and, in particular, the Security Council must assume its responsibilities with regard to the application of Chapter VII of the Charter.

The Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya wishes also to express its support for and solidarity with the people and Government of Lebanon in the upholding of the independence and territorial unity of Lebanon.

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

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