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LETTER DATED 9 JUNE 1982 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE  
OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS TO THE UNITED  
NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to transmit to you the text of the TASS statement of  
7 June 1982.

I request you, Sir, to have this statement circulated as a document of the  
Security Council.

(Signed) O. TROYANOVSKY

ANNEX

Statement by TASS

After the barbaric bombing of Beirut and other towns in Lebanon, Israeli troops, supported by a large number of tanks and artillery units, have invaded Lebanon. At the same time, Israeli landings have been made from the sea. The aggressor is advancing into the territory of Lebanon, bringing death and suffering to the peaceful inhabitants, both the Lebanese and the Palestinian refugees.

Defying the United Nations, Israeli troops have made their way through the areas in which United Nations forces, sent there under a decision of the Security Council after Israel's aggression in 1978, are stationed.

The facts show that the leadership of Israel has launched an extensive and massive aggression against neighbouring Lebanon and is attempting to drown the Palestinian resistance movement in blood and remove completely from the agenda the question of the exercise of the legitimate rights of the Palestinians. Simultaneously with these acts of banditry, Tel Aviv is attempting to intimidate the Palestinian Arabs on the West Bank of the Jordan and in the Gaza Strip, who are steadfastly struggling against Israeli occupation and for their freedom and independence.

The new Israeli aggression was undoubtedly undertaken with the agreement and support of Washington, which has armed Israel to the teeth and is, by its policy, pushing Israel to engage in criminal anti-Arab actions. The attack on Lebanon is a direct consequence of the Camp David accord and of the "strategic co-operation" between the United States and Israel. Today the whole world sees even more clearly what fruits are produced by the agreement between Washington and Tel Aviv.

TASS is authorized to declare that the Soviet Union strongly condemns Israel's aggression against the Lebanese and Palestinian peoples. Israel is attempting to impose its diktat on the Arabs and to compel them to renounce their legitimate rights and acquiesce in the military-strategic plans of imperialism in the Middle East; this is a venture which may prove very costly to Israel itself and its people.

The Soviet Union demands the immediate cessation of Israel's armed invasion of Lebanon and the withdrawal of Israeli troops to Israel's own territory. The United Nations Security Council, which bears the primary responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security, must immediately take steps to halt the aggression, force Israel to comply with the Charter and decisions of the United Nations, and protect the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Lebanon and the legitimate rights and interests of the Arab peoples.

Israel's aggression against Lebanon and the Palestinian people is once again bringing the Middle East to the danger point. It is the paramount duty of all peace-loving and justice-loving countries and people to prevent a new outbreak of war in the Middle East which threatens world peace and to turn the course of events in the Middle East towards efforts to find a comprehensive and just solution of the Arab-Israeli conflict.

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