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LETTER DATED 5 NOVEMBER 1982 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE  
OF ISRAEL TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF  
THE SECURITY COUNCIL

In connexion with resolution 523 (1982) adopted by the Security Council at its 2400th meeting on 18 October 1982, I have the honour to convey to Your Excellency the following:

Israel's position regarding the situation in Lebanon, in general, and in the southern part of that country, in particular (including Israel's position regarding the defunct Israel-Lebanon Armistice Agreement of 1949), is well known and has been stated on numerous occasions in the course of the deliberations of the Security Council. That position remains unchanged.

Over the past months, the Government of Israel has repeatedly stated that in the new circumstances surrounding the situation in Lebanon, UNIFIL has outlived its usefulness and its presence is no longer called for in southern Lebanon. My Government believes that the security arrangements deemed necessary by Israel and Lebanon can and should be arrived at through negotiations between the Governments of the two countries.

I also wish to place on record my Government's position that Security Council resolution 523 (1982) does not change in any manner UNIFIL's existing mandate, subject to the observation made by the Secretary-General in paragraph 17 of his report on UNIFIL dated 14 October 1982 (S/15455), in which it has been stated that recent events in Lebanon have "radically altered the circumstances in which UNIFIL was established and under which it has been functioning since March 1978".

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

(Signed) Yehuda Z. BLUM  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative of Israel  
to the United Nations

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