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Letter dated 20 September 1982 from the Permanent  
Representative of Madagascar to the United Nations  
addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of a message dated 19 September 1982 addressed to you by His Excellency Mr. Didier Ratsiraka, President of the Democratic Republic of Madagascar, concerning the recent events in Lebanon, and particularly in Beirut.

On instructions from my Government, I request you to have the text of this message circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 31 of the provisional agenda, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Blaise RABETAFIKA  
Ambassador

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Annex

Message dated 19 September 1982 from the President of the Democratic  
Republic of Madagascar to the Secretary-General

At the end of August last, in an interview with the "Press Club" arranged by Radio France Internationale, I did not hesitate to compare Begin's and Sharon's Israeli Fascists to Hitler's Nazis.

I forthrightly stated that, from now on, the word "genocide" will bring to mind not Oradour but Beirut, that the holocaust, the concentration camps and systematic massacres at Dachau and Buchenwald are eclipsed, as we near the end of the twentieth century, by the final solution perpetrated by Begin's and Sharon's executioners.

Now, after the genocide in West Beirut, we feel bound to declare to the world that verbal condemnations and United Nations resolutions are no longer enough, but that it is time for action.

I therefore have the honour to request you:

1. To call upon all the great Powers to impose an economic, commercial, diplomatic and military embargo on Begin's Fascist and extremist Israel; in particular, that the great Powers which boycotted Argentina at the time of the Malvinas affair should desist immediately from supplying Israel with arms, munitions and petroleum.
2. To consider the possibility of organizing an international tribunal along the lines of the Nürnberg Tribunal against the the Israeli Fascist war criminals and their Lebanese accomplices.
3. To demand the immediate and unconditional withdrawal of Israeli troops from Lebanon.

It is high time for a review of history, geography and frontiers in this explosive region of the world and to give the martyred Palestinian people a State, a homeland, a nation of their own.

In the absence of urgent, concrete and decisive action, we greatly fear that the peace of the whole world will be very seriously threatened.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed) Didier RATSIRAKA  
President of the Democratic Republic  
of Madagascar

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