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Letter dated 11 May 1988 from the Permanent Representative of Tunisia
to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you in the annex to this letter the text of a statement issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Tunisia relating to Israel's aggression against the territorial integrity and sovereignty of Lebanon on 2 May 1988.

I should be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of this letter and its annex distributed as a document of the General Assembly, under item 40 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

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Permanent Representative

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ANNEX

Statement issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic
of Tunisia relating to Israel's aggression against the territorial
integrity and sovereignty of Lebanon on 2 May 1988

The Tunisian Government has followed, with great concern and profound indignation, the news of the Israeli Army's criminal aggression against the security and sovereignty of Lebanese territory over the past few days. In expressing its solidarity with the fraternal Lebanese people and with their Government, Tunisia, whose territory was very recently subjected to a flagrant incursion by that same party - an act which the international community condemned through the Security Council - vigorously denounces this fresh act of aggression, which once again confirms Israel's arrogance and lack of concern for United Nations resolutions and international law, as well as its determination to continue to practise a policy of oppression and violence.

The international community is called upon today to act promptly and to take the dissuasive measures necessary to put an end to these machinations. Israel has always had recourse to such machinations whenever the first signs of a solution to the Middle East problem have appeared on the horizon, with the deliberate intention of frustrating all initiatives and efforts for peace. No better illustration of this can be provided than the series of acts of aggression and political assassinations carried out by Israel following the bitter defeat of its attempt to crush the heroic uprising of the Palestinian people, an uprising which has led to an international resurgence of interest in the subject and to initiatives in the search for a solution.
