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Identical letters dated 26 February 2020 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I should like to convey to you the following information.

At 1930 hours on 6 February 2020, a security patrol from the Jazzin security station came across a suspicious object in the town Surayri, Jazzin district (see annex).

At 0800 hours on 8 February 2020, an engineering team from the First Infantry Brigade examined the object and determined that it was a recently manufactured, Israeli-made MK83 guided bomb weighing 1,000 pounds and equipped with two fuses: an electrical fuse in the tail and a mechanical impact fuse in the tip. After the team completed the examination, it was decided to leave the bomb in place for 72 hours, in order to allow any battery that might be inside it to discharge. Tape was used to set up a perimeter extending 50 m in all directions, in order to prevent anyone from getting close to the bomb, and roads leading to the site were closed.

At 1030 hours on 9 February 2020, another team from the Engineering Battalion, Support Brigade, examined the bomb. The fuses were disassembled and the electrical fuse in the tail was detonated. The bomb was transferred from the site to a hole that had been excavated for the purpose of carrying out the necessary procedures later.

This is the first time that this type of guided bomb has been used. Such bombs are usually dropped from aircraft and fall to earth by force of gravity. However, this bomb was equipped with a SPICE-1000 guidance device, which is made in Israel and currently used by the Israeli army. The device operates by gliding the bomb and directing it to a specific point, based on coordinates stored in the device. In addition, the device has a photograph of the target stored in it, because it uses the camera mounted in the tip for guidance if it gets jammed.

I should like to reiterate that my Government honours its commitments under international resolutions. On behalf of my Government, I call upon the Security Council to condemn this act in the strongest possible terms and compel Israel to bring



an end to its violations of Lebanese sovereignty by air, sea and land, and fulfil all of its obligations under Security Council resolution [1701 \(2006\)](#).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex issued as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 34, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Amal **Mudallali**
Ambassador
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