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Identical letters dated 30 April 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:

On 27 April 2020 at 0455 hours, four Israeli warplanes violated Lebanese airspace over the sea west of Sidon. They headed east at a speed of 550 knots past Jazzin, and then headed south over Yuhmur, before leaving Lebanese airspace at 0457 hours.

The Israeli aircraft left occupied territory at low altitude heading north over the sea as far as west of Sidon, where they appeared on the radar screen (primary radar) and fired missiles towards Syrian territory from Lebanese airspace over the area between Mashgharah and Yuhmur about 60 km from Damascus.

Israel has escalated the nature of its violations by using Lebanese airspace to carry out missile attacks against a third State, ignoring recent complaints submitted by Lebanon to the President of the Security Council in that regard. This type of aggression threatens international peace and security and endangers civilians and the safety of Lebanese territory and airspace.

I reiterate that the Government of my country honours its commitments under international resolutions, and on its behalf I hereby demand that the Security Council condemn this act of aggression in the strongest possible terms and exercise its authority to preserve international peace and security by preventing Israel from repeating such aggression and compelling Israel to cease its air, sea and land violations of the sovereignty of Lebanon and implement all its obligations under Security Council resolution 1701 (2006).

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

> (Signed) Amal Mudallali Ambassador Permanent Representative



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