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Identical letters dated 11 July 2023 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

On instructions from the Government of Lebanon, I should like to draw your attention by the present letter to the flagrant violations being committed by Israel of the sovereignty of Lebanon and of Security Council resolution [1701 \(2006\)](#) as it consolidates its total occupation and completes the annexation of the Lebanese northern part of the town of Ghajar, which extends to the outskirts of the town of Mari.

- In addition to the usual daily violations by Israel of Lebanese sovereignty and resolution [1701 \(2006\)](#), there has been an increase in provocative practices and Israeli encroachments on Lebanese territory, Lebanese inhabitants of the South and their livelihoods, and the Blue Line. Now, the Israeli side has committed the additional flagrant and major violation of trying to consolidate its total occupation and complete the annexation of the Lebanese northern part of the town of Ghajar, which extends to the outskirts of the town of Mari. It has surrounded the town with a metal fence, a concrete wall and barbed wire, and installed cameras. That has cut the town off from its natural surroundings. Occupying Israeli forces have taken full control and brought it under their administration. They are trying to impose a new reality on the ground at the expense of Lebanese rights and international resolutions. Please find annexed aerial photographs of the aforementioned Israeli violations (see annex).
- Lebanon calls on the Secretary-General and the Security Council to condemn this flagrant violation of Lebanese sovereignty and to compel the Israeli side to withdraw immediately and unconditionally from all occupied Lebanese territories, because this flouting of the rights and sovereignty of Lebanon threatens security and stability in the South and the region as a whole. Lebanon also calls on the Secretary-General and the Security Council to pressure Israel to immediately cease its ongoing and recently escalating violations of Lebanese territory, airspace and territorial waters and to respect Security Council resolution [1701 \(2006\)](#) and Lebanese sovereignty.

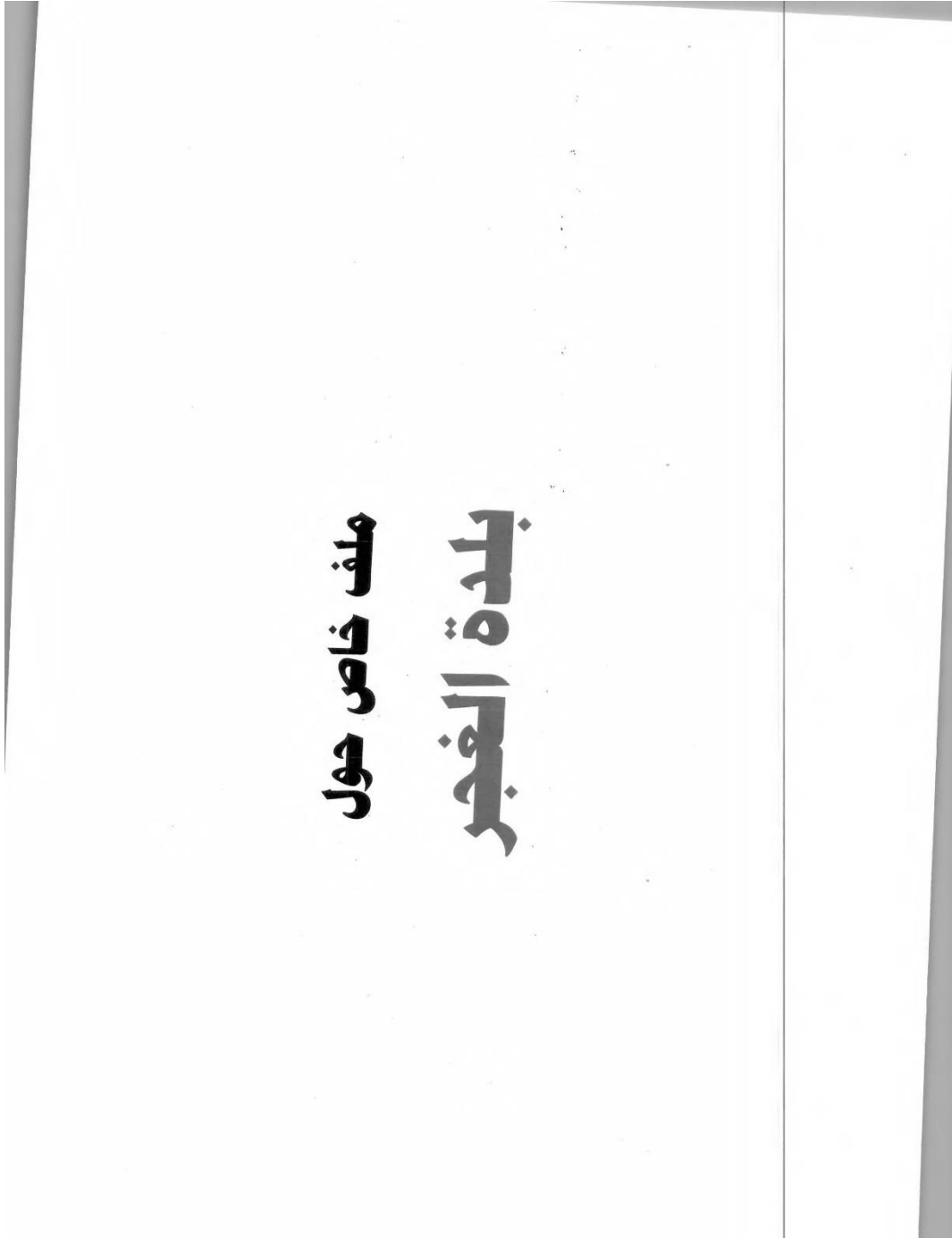


- Lebanon reaffirms its full commitment to resolution [1701 \(2006\)](#) in its entirety, and to its right to liberate its occupied territories by legitimate means enshrined in international instruments. Lebanon also expresses its readiness to complete the process of demarcating its southern land border and discussing how to address remaining points of contention within the framework of the tripartite meetings, in the presence of the United Nations and in a manner that promotes calm and stability and is in line with the relevant United Nations resolutions.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 32, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) **Jeanne Mrad**
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**Annex to the identical letters dated 11 July 2023 from the
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United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the
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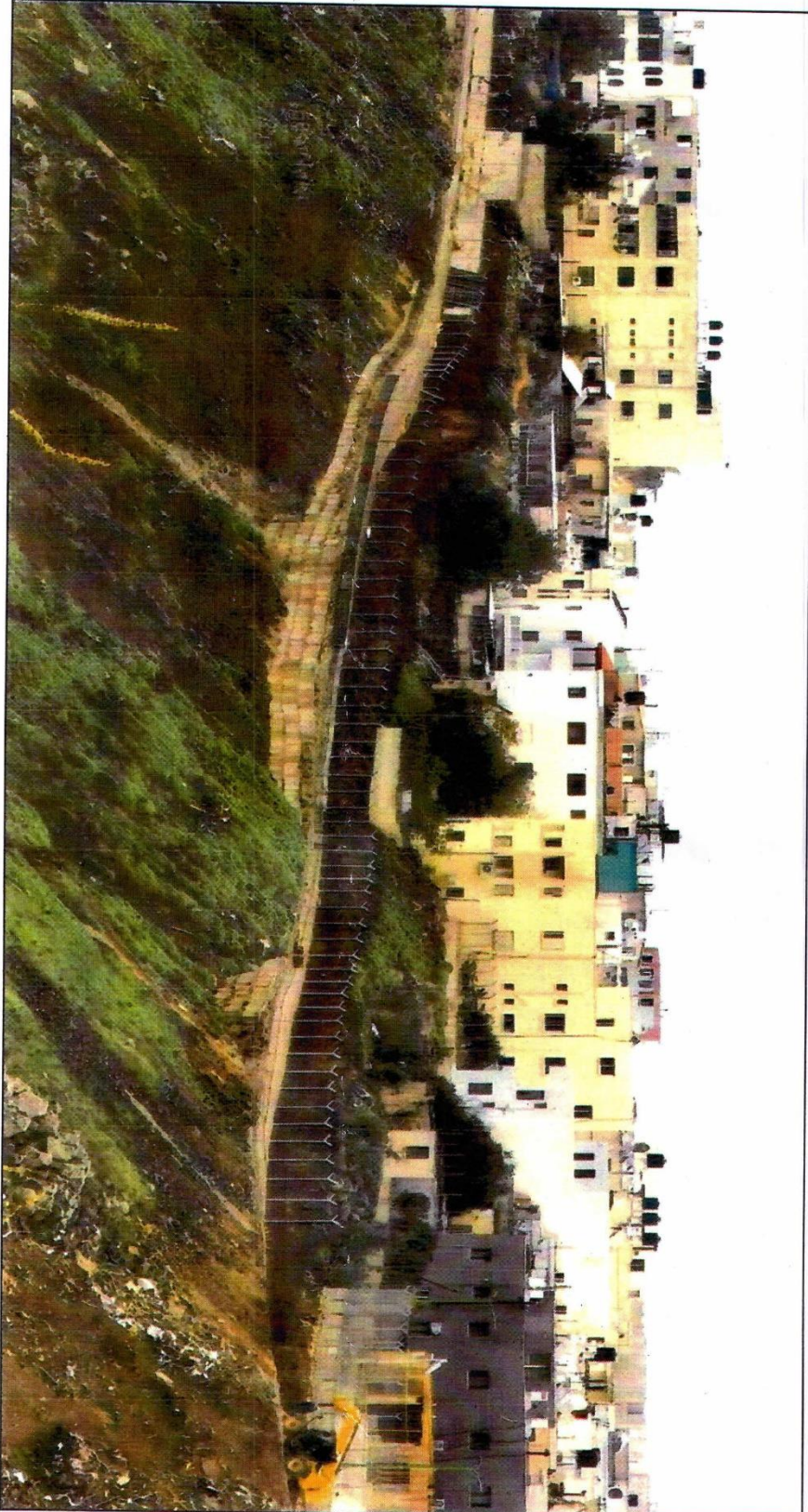


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