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**Identical letters dated 12 September 2024 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 draw to your kind attention the present letter concerning an attack by Israel on a Civil Defence vehicle. The facts are as follows:

On the evening of Saturday, 7 September 2024, an Israeli drone attacked a Civil Defence vehicle displaying markings clearly visible from a distance indicating that it was a relief vehicle, in the town of Furun in the Nabatiyah district in southern Lebanon. Four Civil Defence personnel were killed after having performed their duty to put out fires touched off by Israeli bombardment of the town.

This attack is a new chapter in the series of attacks being launched by Israel against Lebanese ambulance crews, relief workers, health workers, and medical establishments. To date, Israel has killed 27 paramedics and health workers, and injured 94. Israeli strikes have targeted two large hospitals and 21 health centres, and damaged 32 ambulances and firefighting vehicles.

Lebanon strongly condemns these repeated, deliberate and unjustified attacks by Israel on relief and emergency personnel. Israel is not only attacking civilians, destroying their homes, setting fire to their land and destroying their environment. It is also preventing access by ambulance crews and relief personnel so as to terrorize people further by eliminating any chance of human survival or indeed for any stone to be left standing. These deliberate inhumane acts are in flagrant violation of human rights, international law, and international humanitarian law.

Lebanon calls on the members of the Security Council to condemn these crimes, hold Israel accountable, and use all possible means to pressure Israel to comply with international laws and norms.

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

(Signed) Hadi **Hachem**
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