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Letter dated 20 September 1982 from the Permanent Representative of
Egypt to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to enclose herewith a message addressed to you by Mr. Kamal Hassan Ali, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Arab Republic of Egypt, on the recent shocking massacres of Palestinian civilians in the refugee camps in West Beirut.

I would appreciate it if you would arrange for the circulation of this letter and its annex as an official document of the General Assembly, under items 31 and 34 of the provisional agenda, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) A. Esmat ABDEL MEGUID
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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ANNEX

Message from the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for
Foreign Affairs of Egypt to the Secretary-General

The Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt, while expressing its shock and indignation at the massacres of innocent Palestinian civilians in the refugee camps in West Beirut, strongly condemns those barbaric and inhuman acts and holds Israel fully responsible and accountable for those acts as a direct consequence of its military occupation of the Lebanese capital and other Lebanese territories.

Egypt strongly urges Israel to comply immediately with all Security Council resolutions on Lebanon, particularly with those calling for an immediate and unconditional withdrawal of Israeli forces from West Beirut and other occupied Lebanese territories.

Egypt anticipates that the Security Council will shoulder fully its responsibilities in implementing those resolutions and in maintaining peace and security in Lebanon.

On its part, Egypt is undertaking all necessary contacts with many international parties, including the permanent members of the Security Council, in order to help achieve an agreement on the necessary measures to bring the situation under control and prevent its further deterioration in Lebanon and the Middle East.

(Signed) Kamal Hassan ALI
Deputy Prime Minister
and Minister for Foreign
Affairs of the Arab
Republic of Egypt
