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Letter dated 23 September 1988 from the Permanent Representative of  
Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions from my Government and further to my previous letters concerning Israel's continuing acts of aggression against the integrity of Lebanon's territory, airspace and territorial waters, I have the honour to state as follows:

At 12.30 p.m. local time on Tuesday, 20 September 1988, Israeli aircraft carried out a raid on the eastern suburbs of the town of Sidon, to the east of the Mieh Mieh Palestinian refugee camp and close to the town of Qrayya. After an hour, the aircraft returned and again bombed the area leaving six dead and wounded, destroying five houses and setting fire to a number of other houses.

The Lebanese Government reiterates its strong condemnation with respect to this new Israeli aggression and registers its regret at the lack of response to its repeated complaints, which has prompted Israel to continue its acts of aggression undeterred. It stresses that responsibility for Israel's violation of Lebanon's sovereignty and territorial integrity and the endangerment of the lives of Lebanese citizens is to be borne by the United Nations and, in particular, by the Security Council. The Lebanese Government urges the Council and its members, jointly and severally, to demand from Israel that it should put a halt to its acts of aggression and respect the Charter of the United Nations, international law and covenants and the relevant resolutions of the Security Council.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 40, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Rachid FAKHOURY  
Permanent Representative