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Letter dated 22 February 1973 from the Permanent Representative of Guyana to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith a copy of a statement issued on Wednesday, 21 February 1973, by the representatives of Non-Aligned Countries at the United Nations, on recent events in the Middle East.

I have the honour to request, in accordance with the mandate given to me by the representatives of Non-Aligned Countries at the United Nations, that you be good enough to circulate this communiqué as an official document of the General Assembly and the Security Council.

(Signed) R. E. JACKSON

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Chairman pro tem., Non-Aligned Group

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## Statement issued by the representatives of Non-Aligned Countries at the United Nations 1/ on 21 February 1973

The representatives of Non-Aligned Countries at the United Nations, meeting on Wednesday, 21 February 1973, have learned with indignation the news of aggressive attacks by Israeli armed forces in violation of the territorial integrity of Lebanon against Palestinian refugee camps situated more than 100 miles north of the Armistice Demarcation Lines between Lebanon and Israel.

The simultaneous shooting down of a civilian Libyan aircraft by the Israeli forces over Egyptian territory has further greatly shocked the Non-Aligned Group.

While expressing sympathy for the loss of innocent civilian lives and property, the representatives of Non-Aligned Countries strongly condemn these unwarranted acts of aggression and international terrorism which aggravate the tension in the Middle East as well as threaten peace and security.

The representatives of Non-Aligned Countries express their solidarity with the countries which have been the victims of Israeli aggression and call upon the international community to put an end to the permanent aggressive policy of Israel.

They are following the situation with continuing concern.



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