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Letter dated 17 April 1989 from the Permanent Representative of
Spain to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the French-language version of the statement made today by the 12 member States of the European Community in connection with the tragic death of Mr. Pedro de Arístegui, Ambassador of Spain to Lebanon.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 37 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Francisco VILLAR

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ANNEX

Statement by the Twelve on the situation in Lebanon, issued at
Madrid on 17 April 1989

The Twelve, deeply saddened by the tragic loss of Ambassador Pedro de Aristegui, the representative of the President in Beirut, condemn this innocent death caused by the indiscriminate bombardment of the civilian population.

The Twelve reiterate with the utmost firmness their appeal to all the parties, including Syria, to establish a cease-fire, together with the immediate cessation of bombardments.

This latest tragic event again underlines the imperious necessity of a negotiated solution to the Lebanese crisis, as expressed in the repeated statements of the Twelve on the very grave situation of this Mediterranean country.

The Community and its member States express their readiness to continue emergency humanitarian aid for all the Lebanese population, thereby enabling it to alleviate as rapidly as possible its current suffering.
