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Letter dated 13 January 1984 from the Permanent
Representative of Israel to the United Nations
addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to refer to the letter dated 4 January 1984 addressed to Your Excellency by the Permanent Representative of Lebanon (A/39/63-S/16252).

The Government of Israel wishes once again to express the hope that the Government of Lebanon will be able to restore soon its sovereignty throughout Lebanon, including the region referred to in the above-mentioned letter.

The Government of Israel further hopes that, once Lebanese sovereignty is re-established, the Government of Lebanon will take the necessary steps to prevent the recurrence of the uncontrolled situation which obliged Israel to act in self-defence. The act of self-defence in question was directed at terrorist bases operating with the consent and encouragement of certain Member States of the United Nations, whose identity is well known to the Permanent Representative of Lebanon.

Furthermore, the Government of Israel wishes to stress that the action taken was directed specifically and solely against terrorist installations, training bases and launching sites, which have served for some of the most heinous acts, including suicide attacks, car bombings and the shelling of civilian residential areas.

The Government of Israel deeply regrets any civilian loss of life that may have occurred. It must be stressed, however, that the terrorist groups deliberately located their installations and bases in populated areas, shielding themselves, as is their wont, behind civilians and their dwellings.

In this regard, it is regrettable that the Government of Lebanon should not have seen fit to protest the grave civilian casualties and the violations of

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Lebanese sovereignty that occurred in recent months, particularly in north Lebanon and in the areas adjacent to its capital, Beirut.

In conclusion, the Government of Israel wishes to reiterate its well-known position, which has been expressed on numerous occasions, in support of the full restoration of the sovereignty, territorial integrity and independence of Lebanon within its internationally recognized boundaries and of the withdrawal of all foreign forces from Lebanese territory.

I have the honour to request that this letter be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under the item entitled "The situation in the Middle East", and of the Security Council.

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