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Identical letters dated 7 November 2014 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

I am writing to draw your attention to an inflammatory speech delivered by the Hizbullah Secretary-General, Hassan Nasrallah. At a time when tensions are boiling over, Nasrallah is intentionally trying to further destabilize the region. In his speech, he threatened Israel, saying that “[Israel] will not find a place ... that the Lebanese resistance’s rockets won’t reach”. These are not idle threats.

For years, we have warned the international community that illegal arms continue to flow into southern Lebanon in flagrant breach of resolution 1701 (2006). On the Council’s watch, Hizbullah has amassed over 100,000 deadly missiles — an arsenal that it intends to use. These missiles can reach all of Israel and well beyond. Like Hamas, Hizbullah intentionally stores its weapons in civilian areas. Like Hamas, Hizbullah commits a double war crime by hiding behind civilians while launching attacks against Israelis. If Hizbullah proceeds with its disproportionate acts of aggression, it will receive a proportionate response.

Hizbullah is actively seeking to ignite the region. Last month, three improvised explosive devices were detonated on the Israeli side of the Blue Line. Shortly after the attack, Hizbullah claimed responsibility for planting the devices. This was not the first time that Nasrallah admitted his organization’s responsibility for planting roadside bombs in the vicinity of Mount Dov.

The failure to enforce the arms embargo in Lebanon undermines the basic fabric of security and stability in our region. It could have catastrophic consequences. The international community does not have the luxury of ignoring this dangerous reality any longer. The Security Council must demand that the Government of Lebanon fully abide by Council resolution 1701 (2006) and deploy its armed forces in southern Lebanon and prevent any future attacks before it is too late. Israel will not tolerate any attack on its territory and will act to protect its sovereignty and citizens.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter distributed as a document of the Security Council.

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