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## Identical letters dated 16 June 2020 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I should like to inform you of the following:

On 20 April 2020 at 0900 hours, an Israeli enemy patrol approached from inside occupied Palestinian territory opposite the town of Ramiyah near point BP-10/1. The patrol consisted of a Defender vehicle, a Humvee vehicle and a civilian vehicle. Some 11 personnel in military uniform disembarked from the vehicles and opened the steel gate in the technical fence. They deployed, took up positions behind the earthen berm and pointed their weapons at a United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) patrol and Lebanese Army soldiers positioned on the other side inside Lebanese territory.

On 13 May 2020 at 1310 hours, from inside its position in Khallat al-Budiyah opposite the town of Rumaysh, the Israeli enemy directed a Merkava tank cannon at members of a UNIFIL patrol for five minutes.

Lebanon condemns these Israeli violations in the strongest terms and regards them as instances of limiting the freedom of movement of UNIFIL forces. I reiterate that the Government of my country honours its commitments under international resolutions, and on its behalf I hereby demand that the Security Council condemn these violations and exercise its authority to preserve international peace and security by preventing Israel from repeating them and compelling Israel to implement all its obligations under Security Council resolution 1701 (2006).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter issued as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 34, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Amal Mudallali Ambassador Permanent Representative



