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Identical letters dated 18 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, we would like to inform you of the following:

While the engineering team of the Cambodian contingent of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) was conducting an engineering survey in Abbasiyat al-Ghajar, it came across a suspicious object covered with a layer of concrete at coordinates 745617-3685371, about 20 meters from the line of withdrawal. On 27 April 2020, an engineering team from the Spanish contingent inspected the suspicious object in the presence of the Lebanese Army. It turned out that the concrete installation was a pillbox constructed by the Israeli enemy during its occupation of South Lebanon. The enemy had used it to store ammunition and weapons, and as a shelter for its soldiers. This discovery suggests that there might be similar installations built by the Israeli enemy close to the border at locations yet to be identified by the Lebanese Army and UNIFIL forces.

The Lebanese Government affirms that it honours its commitments under international resolutions, and demands that the Security Council exercise its authority to preserve international peace and security by compelling Israel to turn over to UNIFIL a list of coordinates where similar military installations might be located, and 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

