I request an urgent meeting of the Security Council, to be arranged as soon as possible.

(Signed) Haissam KELANI
Permanent Representative of the
Syrian Arab Republic
to the United Nations

DOCUMENT S/10783

Letter dated 10 September 1972 from the representative of Lebanon to the President of the Security Council

[Original: English]
[10 September 1972]

Pursuant to the letter of the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of Lebanon, dated 8 September 1972 [S/10780], in which he informed you of the premeditated and unprovoked aggression committed by Israel against Lebanon, and in view of the gravity of the situation endangering the peace and security of Lebanon, I have the honour, upon instructions from my Government, to request you to convene an urgent meeting of the Security Council.

(Signed) Edouard GHORRA
Permanent Representative of Lebanon
to the United Nations

DOCUMENT S/10784

Guinea, Somalia and Yugoslavia: draft resolution

[Original: English]
[10 September 1972]

The Security Council,

Deeply concerned at the deteriorating situation in the Middle East,

Calls on the parties concerned to cease immediately all military operations and to exercise the greatest restraint in the interest of international peace and security.

DOCUMENT S/10785

United States of America: draft resolution

[Original: English] [10 September 1972]

The Security Council,

Gravely concerned at the renewal of terrorist attacks on innocent persons,

Deploring the loss of innocent lives on both sides and the outbreak of renewed violence in the Middle East,

Convinced that acts of terrorism, and any encouragement and support for such acts, are totally unacceptable in a civilized society and are inimical to the maintenance of the cease-fire in the Middle East,

- 1. Condemns the senseless and unprovoked terrorist attack in Munich on 5 September by terrorists of the so-called Black September organization which resulted in the loss of life of numerous innocent victims;
- 2. Calls upon those States harbouring and supporting such terrorists and their activities to cease their encouragement and support of terrorists, and to take all necessary measures to bring about the immediate end of such senseless acts.

DOCUMENT S/10786

Belgium, France, Italy and United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland: amendments to document S/10784

[Original: English] [10 September 1972]

1. Insert a second preambular paragraph as follows:

"Deploring deeply all acts of terrorism and violence and all breaches of the cease-fire in the Middle East,".

- 2. In the operative paragraph:
- (a) Replace "the parties" by "all parties";
- (b) Delete "cease immediately all military operations" and substitute "take all measures for the immediate cessation and prevention of all military operations and terrorist activities".

DOCUMENT S/10787*

Letter dated 11 September 1972 from the representative of Egypt to the Secretary-General

[Original: English] [11 September 1972]

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to enclose herewith the text of the statement made on 10 September 1972 by the official spokesman of the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt concerning the aggression committed by Israel against Syrian and Lebanese peoples and territories.

I request that this letter be circulated as a document of the Security Council and the General Assembly.

(Signed) A. Esmat ABDEL MEGUID Permanent Representative of Egypt to the United Nations

TEXT OF THE STATEMENT

It is evidently clear that the savage aerial raids conducted by Israel were deliberately directed at innocent unarmed civilians. These raids, which were carried out by American Phantom planes, concentrated on more than 10 refugee camps in Syria and Lebanon.

It is equally clear that Israel had intentionally chosen the most populous refugee camps, especially Nahr el Bared Camp near the Lebanese city of Tripoli, which encompasses about 17,000 refugees, who had been driven away from their homes in Palestine by Israel. Israel, to this day, pursues them with its ferocious attacks.

These crimes committed by Israel with American arms continue to demonstrate Israel's persistent defiance of the United Nations, its Charter and its resolutions, by its refusal to restore to the Palestinian people their legitimate rights, as well as its refusal to relinquish territories it has occupied.

Israel would be gravely mistaken if it believed that, by its military actions against the refugee camps in Syria and Lebanon, it would silence the voice of truth and affect the will of the Palestinian people in their struggle to restore their legitimate rights.

The civilized world must not permit Israel to persist in its policy of defying all international rules and morality.

At the same time, we cannot absolve the United States of America from its responsibility in encouraging the Israeli aggression, in pursuing its operations of mass annihilation of the Palestinian people.

The civilized world must not allow Israel and its allies to endanger the peace and security of the area by persisting in its aggression under American protection. Such a policy will not succeed in smothering the Palestinians' outcry for their legitimate rights.

Israel and those who support its continued aggression against Arab lands by generously giving it arms and money, thus permitting it to attack unarmed civilians, should instead work to eradicate the main causes that threaten international peace and security in the area.

It is neither conceivable nor acceptable that Israel should demand, as a price for peace in the area, that the Arab countries relinquish their territories. It is incumbent that all the peace-loving States declare their opinion on Israel's disregard of all human and civilized values, and live up to their international obligation in defying this aggression.

The Arabs, whatever the circumstances, will not remain inactive in the face of such criminally dangerous acts.

DOCUMENT S/10788*

Letter dated 11 September 1972 from the representative of Egypt to the Secretary-General

[Original: English]
[11 September 1972]

It is not new for us to witness the outrageous campaigns of defamation conducted against the Palestinian people. Nor is it new to see the distortion and lack of objectivity playing a central role in the pronouncements of those who, for well-known reasons, join in such dubious campaigns.

Mention has been made, in a recent letter circulated as an official document of the United Nations at the

* Also circulated as a General Assembly document under the symbol A/8806. request of the Permanent Representative of Israel [S/10779], to "terror activities" that constitute "a grave threat to the general desire in the world to seek solutions to problems through negotiation and coexistence". In fact, such a desire has been mainly threatened by Israel, which persists in its policy of the denial of the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people, helped and protected in this unlawful attitude by a certain big Power, thus driving the Palestinian people into a state of despair and frustration.

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