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LETTER DATED 12 AUGUST 1969 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE  
OF ISRAEL ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On instructions from my Government I have the honour to refer to the situation created by the intensification of armed attacks carried out against Israel from Lebanese territory.

The cease-fire to which Lebanon is committed forbids all military activities. In explicit violation of this obligation, repeated attacks have been launched against Israel from Lebanese territory. During the last month alone, twenty-one attacks by shelling, firing and mining were carried out against inhabited localities in Israel. As a result of these attacks, four Israeli soldiers and four civilians were wounded and damage caused to property.

It is generally known that Lebanon harbours on its territory, and particularly in its southern region bordering with Israel, considerable concentrations of irregular forces which are engaged in waging terror warfare against Israel.

In the face of these attacks Israel was compelled to take, on 11 August 1969, action in self-defence against the terror encampments on the slopes of Mount Hermon.

An official communique of the terror organizations command broadcast last night over Radio Damascus confirmed that the Israeli action was directed against bases of the terror organizations.

In view of the gravity of the armed attacks perpetrated against Israel from Lebanese territory, I have the honour, on instructions from my Government, to request you to convene an urgent meeting of the Security Council.

Please accept, etc.

(Signed) Yosef TEKOAH  
Permanent Representative of Israel  
to the United Nations