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## **Identical letters dated 3 September 2019 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 wish to bring the following to your attention:

On Sunday, 1 September 2019, Israeli forces launched more than 40 rockets and cluster and incendiary devices into Lebanon, targeting the outskirts of the towns of Marun al-Ra's, Aytarun and Yarun. Lebanon condemns in the strongest possible terms that flagrant Israeli violation of Lebanese sovereignty and of Security Council resolution [1701 \(2006\)](#).

Once again, without legal or ethical qualms, Israel has deployed weapons whose use is prohibited under international conventions, namely cluster bombs and incendiary weapons. This latest act of aggression is a flagrant violation of international law and, in particular, international humanitarian law.

Lebanon draws the attention of the Security Council to the serious human cost of cluster bomb remnants. For some years, Lebanon has been working to remove from its territory explosive remnants left by repeated and continuous Israeli acts of aggression. Those remnants have claimed dozens of civilian lives. Lebanon also wishes to warn of the appalling destructive impact of the incendiary shells used by Israel. As happened during the most recent attack, such shells can cause large fires that spread across hundreds of hectares.

Lebanon calls on the Security Council to condemn the use by Israel of cluster and incendiary munitions and bombs, and to use its influence to press Israel to accede to the relevant international conventions and protocols, particularly the 2008 Convention on Cluster Munitions and Protocol III to the 1980 Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects, prohibiting incendiary weapons. Lebanon is a party to both of those instruments. There is an urgent need for Israel to accede to those important international instruments. That step would ensure that Israel refrains from using or storing those injurious and indiscriminate weapons, with a view to destroying its stockpile thereof.



Lebanon once again requests the Security Council – and, through the Security Council, the entire international community – to apply the necessary effective pressure on Israel to cease its violations of Lebanese sovereignty, comply with resolution 1701 (2006) in its entirety and implement all the provisions thereof without delay. The continued violation by Israel of international laws and resolutions constitutes a flagrant threat to regional and international security and peace.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter issued as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 38, and of the Security Council.

*(Signed)* Amal **Mudallali**  
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