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Identical letters dated 11 October 2023 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

I am writing to you once again with a real sense of urgency, in light of the severe attacks on Israel that have occurred along the Blue Line since my previous letter to you dated 8 October 2023 ([S/2023/744](#)). This severe escalation is taking place while Israel is under an extensive terrorist attack on its civilian population by the internationally designated terror organization Hamas, which commenced with Hamas's horrendous attacks against Israeli and foreign civilians on 7 October.

On 9 October, four terrorists infiltrated Israel from Lebanon. Palestinian Islamic Jihad claimed responsibility for this attack, which could not have been executed without Hezbollah's consent.

Later on, an anti-tank missile and mortar shells were fired towards Israel. Hezbollah, the Iranian-backed terrorist organization, claimed responsibility for that shelling. Yesterday, 15 more anti-tank missiles and mortar shells were fired from Lebanon.

Israel views these terror attacks from Lebanon as a grave violation of its sovereignty and a grave risk for the deterioration of regional stability.

These attacks also constitute grave violations of Security Council resolutions, including resolutions [1701 \(2006\)](#) and [1559 \(2004\)](#). These attacks should be seen in the wider context of the extensive support and close coordination of the Iranian regime with regard to terrorist organizations, including the recent engagement of senior Iranian officials with heads of Hezbollah, Hamas and Palestinian Islamic Jihad.

Let me reiterate once again that Israel holds the Government of Lebanon responsible for any attack emanating from its territory, regardless of the affiliation of the individuals or the terrorist group that carried out the attacks. Israel therefore expects the Lebanese Armed Forces to fulfil their responsibility and obligations according to relevant Security Council resolutions and prevent any such attack. Israel will not tolerate the recurrence of such attacks and retains its right to take any further necessary steps to address such threats, protect its sovereignty and defend its citizens.

At the same time, Israel expects the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon to fulfil its mandate promptly and in an effective and efficient manner. The United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon has a duty to act decisively to prevent the recurrence of such violations and to actively ensure that its area of operations is not utilized for hostile activities and attacks against Israel.



I call on the Security Council members to condemn in the strongest terms the recent attacks by Hezbollah and Palestinian Islamic Jihad, as well as the ongoing attempts by Iran and Hezbollah to destabilize the region, and to urgently address Hezbollah's blatant and increasingly dangerous violations of Security Council resolution [1701 \(2006\)](#).

I also call on the Security Council to designate Hezbollah as a terrorist organization.

I further call on the Security Council members to emphasize Israel's right to take necessary steps to address such threats, protect its sovereignty and defend its citizens.

I would be grateful if you would have the present letter distributed as a document of the Security Council.

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