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Letter dated 1 July 1989 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the  
Permanent Mission of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to  
the Secretary-General

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that, on 29 June 1989, the Israeli authorities once again went so far as to deport eight Palestinians, four of them from the West Bank and four from the Gaza Strip, to Lebanese territory across the international frontier and in an illegal manner, since they were transported by helicopter to the so-called "security zone" and then by car to the Zimraya crossing in the south of the Western Bekaa.

The Lebanese Government most vigorously condemns this Israeli action, which represents a new violation of Lebanese sovereignty and a twofold breach of international laws and customs, specifically articles 47 and 49 of the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War. It demands that the international community represented in the United Nations take a firm stand against this Israeli excess and guarantee the return of the deportees - as well as others previously deported to Lebanese territory - to their homes and villages.

The Lebanese Government lodges a vigorous protest at Israel's taking advantage of its illegal presence in southern Lebanon in order to bring the Palestinian deportees into Lebanese territory. Lebanon regards this as an aspect of Israel's policy in Lebanon designed to exacerbate and complicate conditions, thereby

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heightening the danger of the explosive situation in the region and undermining efforts for a peaceful solution of the deep-seated crisis there.

I request you to have this letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under item 37 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Chawki CHOUERI  
Ambassador  
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

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