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Letter dated 1 February 1989 from the Permanent Representative of
Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions from my Government and further to my previous letters concerning Israeli practices relating to Lebanese citizens, in particular the expulsion of the inhabitants of villages situated within the so-called "security zone", the most recent of which was that contained in document A/44/95-S/20425 of 26 January 1989, I regret that I must call your attention once again to the fact that the Israeli occupation forces have expelled three women teachers working at the public school in the town of Chebaa, which is situated within that zone and in the area of operation of the Norwegian contingent of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL). The persons concerned were Yumm Marquiz (18 years old), Majda Ghader (25 years old) and Insaf El-Hinnaoui (20 years old). The Israeli forces also expelled the citizen Youssef Slim (18 years old) from the town of Houla.

The Lebanese Government once again strongly condemns these arbitrary and inhumane Israeli practices and measures as representing a violation and a defiance of human rights and the principles of international law, particularly the fourth Geneva Convention of 1949, and a further violation of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Lebanon and the rights of its citizens. The Lebanese Government once again calls on the international community, represented by the United Nations and its various organs, especially the Secretariat and the Security Council, to bring pressure to bear, as a matter of urgency, on the Israeli authorities to desist from resorting to these practices and measures and to allow the expelled citizens to return to their villages. Furthermore, the Lebanese Government reserves the right, at the time it deems appropriate, to call for a meeting of the Security Council to consider this serious situation.

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I should be grateful if you would arrange for the text of this letter to be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under the item entitled "The situation in the Middle East", and of the Security Council.

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