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Letter dated 15 June 1989 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon
to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that Israel carried out a fresh air attack against Lebanon on Wednesday, 14 June. Beginning at 1150 hours local time, eight warplanes of the Israeli Air Force attacked, in successive waves, the town of Bshamun and its environs, to the south-east of the Lebanese capital. The raids left several dead and wounded and caused serious damage to buildings and property.

An Israeli Army spokesman gave the news of this attack, justifying it on the usual pretext of protecting Israel's security. The town of Bshamun, however, is located more than 90 kilometres from the southern international borders of Lebanon.

In condemning this fresh attack, Lebanon is once again saddened by the silence of the international community in the face of repeated Israeli practices which have made the violation of international norms and covenants an Israeli phenomenon that can no longer be condoned and passed over in silence in view of the danger it poses to the credibility of the United Nations and the Security Council in protecting the sovereignty of Member States and ensuring peace and security in the world.

The present Israeli attack is the sixth since the beginning of 1989, and the Lebanese Government reserves its right to call for a meeting of the Security Council at the time that it may determine.

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I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under item 37 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Rachid FAKHOURY
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