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Identical letters dated 22 September 2008 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 transmit to you herewith a statistical summary of Israeli violations committed from 1 to 14 September 2008 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the sixty-third session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 15, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nawaf Salam Ambassador Permanent Representative

Annex to the identical letters dated 22 September 2008 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

Israeli violations, acts of aggression and other activities from 1 to 14 September 2008

Air violations

On 1 September 2008:

- Between 0410 and 0700 hours, an Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha'b. It circled over areas of the South before leaving over Rumaysh;
- Between 1500 and 1700 hours, Israeli enemy warplanes flew intermittently at high altitude over Tibnin, Bint Jubayl and Naqurah.

On 2 September 2008:

- Between 1325 and 1450 hours, an Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft circled over Bint Jubayl and Nabatiyah;
- Between 1051 and 1600 hours, Israeli enemy warplanes circled over Tibnin and Bint Jubayl;
- Between 2055 and 2140 hours, an Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Yarun. It circled over areas of the South before leaving over Alma al-Sha'b.

On 3 September 2008:

- Between 1200 and 1250 hours, four Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Dayr Mimas. They circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving over Alma al-Sha'b;
- At 1938 hours, an Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha'b and heading north as far as Nabatiyah. It circled over areas of the South, Riyaq and Baalbek before leaving at 0315 hours on 4 September 2008 over Bint Jubayl.

On 5 September 2008:

- Between 0045 and 0150 hours, an Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over the sea off Tyre. It circled over the South before leaving over Rumaysh;
- Between 0600 and 1430 hours, an Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha'b. It circled over areas of the South before leaving over Naqurah;
- Between 1117 and 1205 hours, four Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Rumaysh. They circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving over Alma al-Sha'b;
- Between 1655 and 1945 hours, an Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft circled over Bint Jubayl and Tibnin;

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 Between 2150 and 2200 hours, an Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Yarun. It proceeded as far as Bint Jubayl before leaving over Alma al-Sha'b.

On 7 September 2008, between 1405 and 1530 hours, two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. They circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving over Alma al-Sha'b.

On 8 September 2008:

- Between 0650 and 0715 hours, Israeli enemy warplanes circled over Bint Jubayl and Tibnin;
- Between 1000 and 1145 hours, an Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft circled over Bint Jubayl and Tibnin;
- Between 1935 and 2200 hours, an Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Rumaysh. It circled over areas of the South before leaving over Alma al-Sha'b.

On 9 September 2008:

- Between 0700 and 2200 hours, an Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha'b. It circled over areas of the south, Riyaq and Baalbek before leaving over the occupied Shab'a Farms:
- Between 1133 and 1200 hours, four Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha'b. They circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving over Naqurah;
- At 2200 hours, an Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Yarun. It circled over areas of the South before leaving at 0650 hours on 10 September 2008 over Alma al-Sha'b.

On 10 September 2008, at 1045 hours, an Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over the sea off Naqurah. It circled over areas of the South, Riyaq and Baalbek before leaving at 0215 hours on 11 September 2008 over the sea off Naqurah.

On 11 September 2008:

- Between 0125 and 0215 hours, an Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over the sea off Naqurah. It proceeded north as far as Damur before returning south and leaving over the sea off Naqurah;
- At 0700 hours, an Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah. It circled over areas of the South before leaving at 0500 hours on 12 September 2008 over Alma al-Sha'b;
- Between 1700 and 2000 hours, an Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft circled over Bint Jubayl and Tibnin.

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On 13 September 2008:

- Between 2015 and 2215 hours, an Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Yarun. It circled over the South before leaving over Alma al-Sha'b;
- At 2220 hours, an Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah. It circled over the South before leaving at 0400 hours on 14 September 2008 over Rumaysh.

On 14 September 2008:

- Between 1615 and 1745 hours, an Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft circled over Bint Jubayl and Tibnin;
- Between 1940 and 2055 hours, Israeli enemy warplanes circled over Bint Jubayl and Nagurah;
- Between 2115 and 2345 hours, an Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha'b. It circled over areas of the South before leaving over Rumaysh.

Sea violations

On 12 September 2008, at 0035 hours, in the open sea off Ra's al-Naqurah inside occupied Palestinian territorial waters, an Israeli enemy military launch shone a searchlight towards the aforementioned waters and Lebanese territorial waters.

On 13 September 2008:

- At 0400 hours, in the open sea off Ra's al-Naqurah inside occupied Palestinian territorial waters, an Israeli enemy military launch shone a searchlight towards the aforementioned waters and Lebanese territorial waters;
- At 2325 hours, in the open sea off the coast of Ra's al-Naqurah inside occupied Palestinian territorial waters, an Israeli enemy military launch shone a searchlight for two minutes towards Lebanese territorial waters.

On 14 September 2008, at 0115 hours, an Israeli enemy military launch shone a searchlight for one minute towards Lebanese territorial waters.

Acts of aggression in the field

On 2 September 2008:

- Between 1800 and 1900 hours, Israeli enemy forces, from their position at Birkat al-Naqqar inside the occupied Shab'a Farms, fired a number of rounds towards the perimeter of the said position;
- Between 2240 and 2300 hours, Israeli enemy forces fired a number of rounds between their Birkat al-Naqqar and Radar positions inside the occupied Shab'a Farms.

On 3 September 2008, between 1615 and 1845 hours, the Israeli enemy fired several bursts of medium-machine-gun fire from its positions at Summaqah and Fashkul farm inside the occupied Shab'a Farms.

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On 4 September 2008:

- At 0358 hours, the Israeli enemy, from its position at Labbunah, shone a searchlight for one minute over the Lebanese Army position at Labbunah and towards Lebanese territorial waters;
- At 2300 hours, the Israeli enemy shone a vehicle-mounted searchlight for 10 seconds towards the Lahlah position (Alma al-Sha'b).

On 6 September 2008, on the perimeter of point B33, west of Rumaysh, the Israeli enemy detained Jaryus Makhul, a Lebanese citizen. They accused him, along with three Israelis, of disposing of suspicious sacks and smuggling drugs. The Israeli enemy claims that, when he was detained, he was in possession of some drugs and a briefcase of cash.

On 7 September 2008, at 2010 hours, the Israeli enemy shone a searchlight three times, for 15 seconds each time, from the Zar'it barracks towards the Marwahin-Jabal Balat triangle, and then once again, at 2130 hours, for two minutes.

On 8 September 2008, at 0005 hours, the Israeli enemy shone a searchlight from the Zar'it barracks towards the Marwahin triangle and the Tarbikha and Jabal Balat positions of the 6th Brigade of the Lebanese Army, as follows: for two minutes at 0005 hours; for one minute at 0105 hours; for three minutes at 0135 hours; for two minutes at 0252 hours; for one minute at 0305 hours; and for two minutes at 0345 hours.

On 10 September 2008:

- The Israeli enemy shone a searchlight from the Zar'it barracks towards the Marwahin triangle, as follows: for seven minutes at 0345 hours; for two minutes at 0415 hours; and for five minutes at 0420 hours;
- At 2135 hours, the Israeli enemy shone a searchlight for approximately three minutes from the Zar'it barracks towards the Marwahin-Ramiyah-Jabal Balat triangle.

On 11 September 2008, between 0340 and 0440 hours, the Israeli enemy shone a searchlight three times, for approximately two minutes each time, from the Zar'it barracks towards the Marwahin-Ramiyah-Jabal Balat triangle.

On 13 September 2008, at 2030 hours, the Israeli enemy shone a searchlight for one minute from the Zar'it barracks towards the Marwahin triangle and the Tarbikha gate.

On 14 September 2008, at 2005 hours, the Israeli enemy shone a searchlight for two minutes from the Zar'it barracks towards the Marwahin triangle, and then once again for one minute at 2013 hours.

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