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Identical letters dated 3 August 2010 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

I write this letter of complaint regarding a very serious incident that occurred this morning on Israel's northern border. Earlier today, near the Israeli town of Metulla, the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) were carrying out routine maintenance work on a road located south of the Technical Fence, approximately 80 metres south of the Blue Line between Israel and Lebanon. In preparation for this work, IDF notified UNIFIL well in advance of their plans. As a matter of fact, UNIFIL forces present at the scene on this occasion witnessed first-hand the subsequent events.

At 1222 local time, Lebanese Armed Forces (LAF) positions opened fire at the Israel Defense Forces, killing Battalion Commander Lieutenant Colonel Dov Harari and critically wounding a company commander. Shortly thereafter, at 1410, the Lebanese Armed Forces launched a secondary attack at Israel with rocket-propelled grenades.

These attacks threaten stability, peace, and security in our region. In response to this grave incident, which constitutes a blatant violation of Security Council resolution 1701 (2006), Israel exercised its right of self-defence, responding with the appropriate measures on LAF positions in the area.

Israel holds the Government of Lebanon responsible for these attacks and all actions conducted from Lebanese territory. Israel calls upon the international community to exert its influence and to take the necessary measures with the Lebanese authorities to ensure that such provocative violations will not be repeated. I also wish to highlight that Israel has called for an immediate meeting of the Trilateral Commission to be convened tomorrow, 4 August 2010.

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

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