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Identical letters dated 11 September 2009 from the Permanent Representative 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 serious incident that occurred today, 11 September 2009, in the northern part of Israel. This afternoon, at 15:45 local time, three Katyusha rockets were launched from Lebanese territory towards Israel. Initial findings on the ground indicate that at least one of these rockets landed near the city of Nahariya in northern Israel. The Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) immediately responded to the source of the fire, exercising its rights to self-defence under article 51 of the Charter of the United Nations.

This grave incident, together with previous attacks and incidents that the Security Council has addressed recently, is yet another demonstration of the existence of arms and terrorist activity south of the Litani River, in violation of Security Council resolution 1701 (2006). As such, it presents a serious threat to peace and stability in the region.

Israel holds the Government of Lebanon responsible for ensuring that its territory is free of any armed personnel, assets and weapons other than those of the Government of Lebanon and of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL).

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

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