



## Security Council

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### **Identical letters dated 22 June 2023 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council**

I write once again to follow up on my previous letters to you dated 5 July and 15 November 2022, and 17 February 2023, regarding Hezbollah's violations of Security Council resolutions, including the ongoing unlawful construction of military outposts along the Blue Line.

In this regard I would like to bring to your attention the worrying developments taking place in the vicinity of the point referred to by the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) as DOF 692 (in the Mount Dov area, at UTM 748477-3685652), near OGL SO3. Several weeks ago, two temporary structures (a container and a tent) were erected south of the Blue Line, crossing it by more than 30 metres into Israeli territory. On 30 May, another tent was erected next to the first one, 55 metres south of the Blue Line and into Israeli territory.

This disturbing development constitutes a gross violation of Israeli sovereignty. Furthermore it demonstrates Lebanon's failure to implement Security Council resolution [1701 \(2006\)](#) and to stop the illegal and destabilizing activities of Hezbollah, exposing yet again the evolution and expansion of Hezbollah's Radwan forces' military compounds and outposts along the Blue Line. Please find attached a visual aid illustrating the violations in the vicinity of DOF point 692, near OGL SO3, representing Hezbollah's alarming crossing into Israeli territory (see annex).

Israel has repeatedly informed UNIFIL of recurrent violations of the Blue Line in this area and requested its intervention. I personally raised this dangerous escalation with the Assistant Secretary-General for the Middle East, Asia and the Pacific on 6 June and called on UNIFIL to immediately report to the Security Council the blatant violation of resolution [1701 \(2006\)](#) as well as to demand the dismantling of the tents.

It was only after repeated requests by the Israel Defense Forces that UNIFIL was able to determine (on 8 June) that the tent was placed south of the Blue Line, thus constituting a violation of Security Council resolution [1701 \(2006\)](#).

The State of Israel expects the United Nations to report the gross violations occurring in the area of DOF 692 near OGL SO3 and bring these disturbing developments to the knowledge of the members of the Security Council without delay. Israel will not accept any violation of its sovereignty and retains the right to take all necessary measures to protect its territory.



I reiterate our position that the Government of Lebanon has the responsibility to ensure the removal of all Hezbollah's military outposts along the Blue Line, including the infrastructures erected recently in vicinity of DOF 692 near OGL SO3, located south of the Blue Line. Moreover, the Government of Lebanon should prevent further construction of such military outposts along the Blue Line and perform in line with Security Council resolution [1701 \(2006\)](#).

These latest developments should be put in a broader context. During the past year, Hezbollah has erected at least 27 new military outposts along the Blue Line. These outposts, manned by Hezbollah's Radwan elite forces, were deployed under the guise of the non-governmental organization "Green without Borders". Since the construction of these outposts there has been a significant increase in friction and incidents, initiated by Hezbollah's operatives, along the Blue Line.

Hezbollah systematically deprives UNIFIL of its ability to implement its core missions in order to assure that Hezbollah's military build-up continues unhindered in southern Lebanon. Hezbollah's restrictions on UNIFIL, which are a direct violation of Security Council resolution [1701 \(2006\)](#) as well as subsequent resolutions, include denying UNIFIL access to entire parts of its area of operations and refusing its requests to visit sites such as the Radwan military outposts along the Blue Line.

These relentless restrictions on UNIFIL have left the Force unable to discharge its mandate. UNIFIL must uphold its mandate robustly, in line with Security Council resolution [1701 \(2006\)](#), and should be allowed to do so in order to ensure that its area of operations is not utilized for any hostile activities and attacks against Israel. A full and effective implementation of the UNIFIL mandate is crucial for the stability of Lebanon and the entire region.

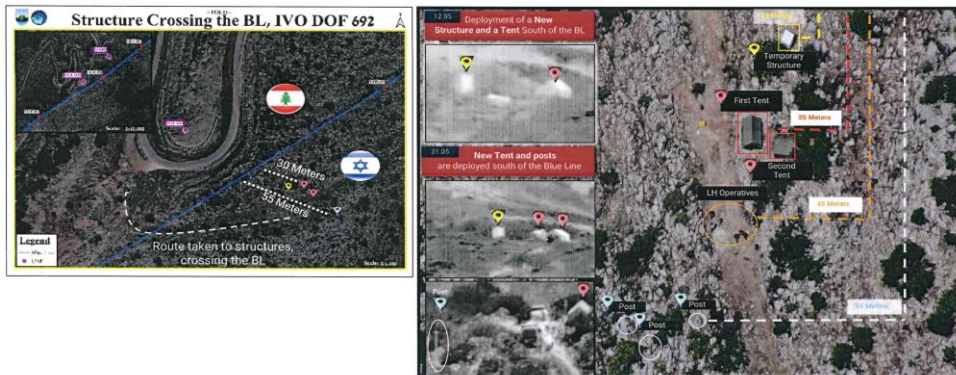
Once again, I call upon the Security Council to unequivocally condemn Hezbollah and its Iranian patrons' ongoing violations of Security Council resolutions, including resolutions [1701 \(2006\)](#) and [1559 \(2004\)](#), and denounce the latest infringement of Israeli sovereignty in the area of DOF 692. The Security Council must demand that the Lebanese authorities act immediately and without further delay to dismantle and remove these structures.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex distributed as an official document of the Security Council.

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**Annex to the identical letters dated 22 June 2023 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council**

**Ground Blue Line Violation IVO (UN Referred) DOF 692**



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