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## **Identical letters dated 16 April 2020 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 should like to convey to you the following information.

At 0745 hours on 15 April 2020, an Israeli reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace and began circling over the southern regions of Lebanon. It proceeded as far as the Western Bekaa before leaving Lebanese airspace at 1310 hours.

On that same day, at 1215 hours, Lebanese Army positions in the Anti-Lebanon Mountains noted the sound of a hostile aircraft and two explosions in Syrian territory. A four-wheel drive vehicle was targeted at the Judaydat Yabus crossing, in Syrian territory, on the Lebanese-Syrian border.

Israeli aircraft were circling over the Lebanese area of Yanta between 1140 and 1220 hours. It should be noted that the distance between the Israeli reconnaissance aircraft that was over Yanta and the four-wheel drive vehicle was approximately 10 km, while the range of the Hellfire missiles used by Israeli aircraft is approximately 11 km. Thus, the Israeli aircraft violated Lebanese airspace to carry out a missile attack against a third State.

This act of aggression is the second time in less than a month in which Israel has used Lebanese airspace to carry out missile attacks against a third State, despite the complaint that Lebanon conveyed to the President of the Security Council in its letter of 3 April 2020 ([A/74/789-S/2020/276](#)) concerning the violation that Israel committed on 31 March 2020.

This aggression threatens international peace and security, endangers Lebanese territory and civilians, and constitutes a hostile act and blatant violation of Security Council resolution [1701 \(2006\)](#).

I wish to reiterate that my Government honours its commitments under international resolutions, and on behalf of my Government, I call upon the Security Council to condemn this action in the strongest possible terms and exercise its authority to maintain international peace and security, in order to prevent Israel from



committing such an aggression again, end Israeli violations of the sovereignty of Lebanon by air, sea and land, and compel Israel to fulfil all its obligations under Security Council resolution [1701 \(2006\)](#).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter issued as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 34, and of the Security Council.

*(Signed)* Amal **Mudallali**  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative

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