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Mr President,

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The movie industry, which is always flourish, as a Hollywood producer told me once, is the horror movie. It is profitable, lucrative and therefore pleases the producer, the director and the actors.

In Lebanon, almost a month ago, virtual reality, became a reality and special effect, real effect.

Horror in Lebanon became worse than a nightmare and the producer, director and actor are one party: Israel.

It terrorizes Lebanese and accuses them of being terrorist

It deliberately and ² indiscriminately
kills children and women and
pretends to have a legitimate
license to kill.

With people victim of the barbaric
holocausts, Israel commits the worst
atrocities on Lebanese soil.

Reality ~~hurts~~^{hurts} some time, no offense.
Just check news papers, New York Times
of 9/8/2006, Washington Post,
Le Monde, Paris Match, for ease of reference
N° 2985, page 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28,
You name it, everything is there.

You may watch, with
no charge, a brutal and
senseless ongoing war in Lebanon.

God bless communications and
Globalization!

The President,

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The Lebanese Government announced from the first instance when the events broke that it had no prior knowledge of what happened nor did it endorse the operation carried out by Hezbollah.

Furthermore, the Prime Minister called for an immediate and comprehensive cease fire under the UN auspices which will enable to responsibly resolve all issues arising from the events as well as their underlying causes.

That did not stop ^{the} aggression from escalating
what we are facing, as The
Prime Minister of Lebanon
Fouad Siniora said, goes
beyond the issue of prisoners
and captured soldiers. It is a
whole nation whose people's
rights, security and land are
being trampled under a questionable
pretext.

Today Lebanon as a nation is
aggressed and the fundamental
rights of its citizens transgressed by
Israel.

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Let me, Sir, illustrate some of these rights in particular under the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, The Two international Covenants on Human Rights, and The Convention on the Rights of the Child.

- The right of life: The Israelis kill civilian Lebanese, they commit massacres, mass murders, while this right is acknowledged non-derogable and applicable in time of armed conflict according to article 4 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

- The right to protection: disregarded and ignored

- The right of not being subjected to cruel or degrading treatment or punishment: Lebanese are collectively slaughtered and punished by Israelis.

The right of survival and development of the child to be protected from all forms of physical or mental violence, in particular the rights of mentally or physically disabled

children: On 30 July 2006 The Israelis murdered 62 civilians in Gana amongst them 42 children of whom 15 were disabled.

"Gana is not a stranger to tragedy as Kofi Annan said in his letter dated 7 August 2006 to the President of the Security Council; he added: "Ten years ago, on 18 April 1996, more than 100 Lebanese civilians who had sought refuge in a UNWFP compound located in Gana were killed as a result of shelling by the Israeli Defence Forces". It is indeed a dangerous recurrence most punishable in law. None of the bodies recovered showed that there were militaint mingled among

civilian. To cover up this (7)
heinous crime, the Israelis
invoke the theory of "human
shields", which, under any circumstances
does not release the Parties to the
conflict from their obligations,
under International Humanitarian
Law, with respect to the civilian
population and civilians. The
giant Israeli ostrich cannot any
more hide its head in the sand and
claim innocence!

Whether children or
adults, the killing is perpetrated
in a most ruthless way, as in Gazieh -
north of Sidon, where six civilians were
killed by an Israeli airstrike during ^{the} funerals of 14
victims. As usual, and when in
dire trouble, the Israelis are either

apologetic for unintended ^{accusation} error or, as convenient, they invoke the theory of "human shield" (8)

I can elaborate, Mr President,
by mentioning:

- The right to adequate housing,
and our houses are destroyed.

- The right to food, there is a
shortage of food due to an Israeli blockade
and bridges, highways and roads cut off.

- The right to highest attainable standard
of health, and our hospitals are in particular
peril due to fuel shortage.

- The right to education, while
schools are either destroyed or sheltering,
one million internally displaced
persons, accommodated as well in
other facilities. (~~at~~) the camps

Lebanon, is on the brink
of a humanitarian disaster, as
David Shearer, UN humanitarian

coordinator for Lebanon said on (9 August 7, 2006, a serious matter which will keep the UN rapporteurs as well as the International Courts busy for quite some time in the future.

Amid this persistent Israeli aggression, aimed at destroying the whole state of Lebanon, and the disproportionate use of force, it is most regretful that some colleagues continue to argue about "balance" or to question the competence of this august Council in case of gross and systematic violations of human rights.

The whole draft resolution before you addresses the Israeli violations of human rights in Lebanon. It is not

^{a draft at our / museum /}
^{is a ~~case~~ diverse and multicultural city, it is}
Our ^{our} request ^{human dignity} is no less than (10)

The Secretary General's request
contained in his statement to
The Security Council on 30 July
2006 and I quote: "we must
condemn this action in the
strongest possible terms, and I
appeal to you to do likewise"

I thank you

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