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**The Grave Situation of human rights in Lebanon, caused by
Israeli military operations**

The Human Rights Council,

Reaffirming the purposes and principles contained in the Charter of the United Nations,

Reaffirming also the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, and recalling the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the Convention on the Rights of the Child and other human rights instruments,

Acknowledging that peace and security, development and human rights are the pillars of the United Nations system,

Recalling UN General Assembly's decisions in its resolution A/60/251 that the Human Rights Council (a) should address situations of violations of human rights, including gross and systematic violations, and make recommendations thereon; and (b) would respond promptly to human rights emergencies,

Guided by the UN charter, relevant human rights instruments and International Humanitarian Law, in particular the Hague Conventions of 1899 and 1907 on the Laws and Customs of War on Land which prohibit attacks and bombardment of civilian populations and objects and lay down obligations for general protection against dangers arising from military operations against civilian objects, hospitals, relief materials and means of transportation,

Recalling the commitments of the High Contracting Parties to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and their Additional Protocols,

Reaffirming that each High Contracting Party to the Fourth Geneva Convention is under obligation to take action against persons alleged to have committed or to have ordered the commission of grave breaches of the Convention, and recalling the Convention on the Non-Applicability of Statutory Limitations to War Crimes and Crimes Against Humanity,

Emphasizing that human rights law and International Humanitarian Law are complementary and mutually reinforcing,

Stressing that the right to life constitutes the most fundamental of all human rights,

Condemning Israeli military operations in Lebanon which constitute gross and systematic human rights violations of Lebanese people,

Appalled at the massive violations of human rights of the people of Lebanon by Israel resulting in massacre of thousands of civilians, injuries, extensive damage to civilian infrastructure, displacement of one million people, and outflow of refugees fleeing heavy shelling and bombardment against civilian population,

Strongly condemning the indiscriminate and massive Israeli air strikes, in particular on the village of Qana on 30 July 2006, and the targeting of UN peacekeepers at the UN observer post in Southern Lebanon on 25 July 2006,

Taking note of United Nation's High Commissioner for Human Rights' strong condemnation of the killing of civilians in Qana; her call to take measures to protect civilian lives and civilian objects; and her reiteration of the need for independent investigation, with the involvement of international experts,

Noting the extreme concern expressed by the Secretary General's Representative on the human rights of the internally displaced persons; the Special Rapporteur on Extrajudicial, Summary or Arbitrary Executions, the Special Rapporteur on the Right to Health; the Special Rapporteur on Adequate Housing; and the Special Rapporteur on Food about the continuing adverse impact on the human rights and the humanitarian situation of the civilian population in Lebanon,

Emphasizing that attacks and killings of innocent civilians and the destruction of houses, property and infrastructure in Lebanon are a breach of the principles of the UN Charter, international law and international humanitarian law as well as are flagrant violations of human rights,

Recognizing the urgent need to address the dire humanitarian situation in Lebanon, including through the immediate lifting of the blockade of Lebanon imposed by Israel,

Noting with concern environmental degradation caused by Israeli strikes against power plants and its adverse impact on health,

Concerned over the targeting of the communication and media networks in Lebanon,

Outraged at the continuing senseless killings by Israel, with impunity, of children, women, the elderly and other civilians in Lebanon.

1. *Strongly condemns* the grave Israeli violations of Human Rights and breaches of International Humanitarian Law in Lebanon.
2. *Also condemns* massive bombardment of Lebanese civilian populations especially the massacres in Qana, Marwaheen, Al Duweir, Al Bayadah, Al Qaa, Chiyah, Ghazieh and other towns of Lebanon, causing thousands of deaths and injuries mostly among children and women, and the displacement of one million civilians,

according to a preliminary assessment, thus exacerbating the magnitude of the Lebanese human suffering.

3. Further condemns the Israeli bombardment of vital civilian infrastructure resulting in extensive destruction and heavy damages to public and private properties.
4. Calls upon Israel to abide immediately and scrupulously by its obligations under human rights law, in particular the Convention on the Rights of the Child, and International Humanitarian Law.
5. Calls on Israel to immediately stop military operations against civilian population and civilian objects resulting in death and destruction and serious violations of human rights.
6. Decides to dispatch, urgently, a high-level Inquiry Commission comprising relevant Human Rights Special Procedures, and experts of International Humanitarian Law, to:
 - a. Investigate the systematic targeting and killings of civilians by Israel in Lebanon;
 - b. Examine the types of weapons used by Israel and their conformity with the international law; and
 - c. Assess the extent and deadly impact of Israeli attacks on human life, property, critical infrastructure and environment.
7. Requests the Secretary General of the United Nations and the High Commissioner for Human Rights to provide all administrative, technical and logistical assistance required to enable the Commission to fulfil its mandate promptly and efficiently.
8. Calls on the international community to provide urgently the Lebanese Government with humanitarian and financial assistance to enable it to deal with the worsening humanitarian disaster, rehabilitation of victims, return of displaced persons, and restoration of the essential infrastructure.
9. Requests the Commission to report to the Council, no later than 1/9/2006, on progress towards the fulfilment of its mandate.

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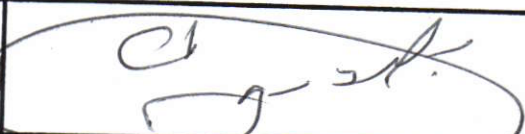


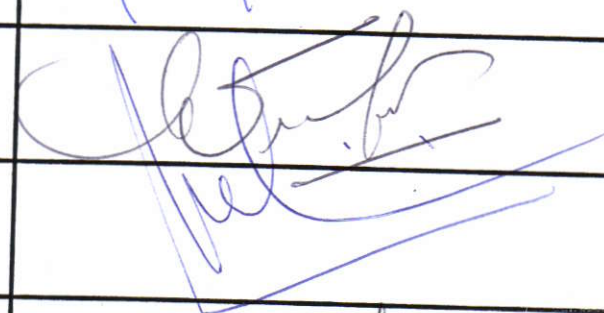
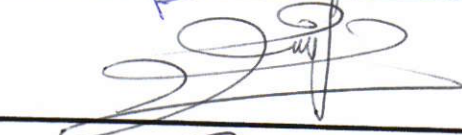


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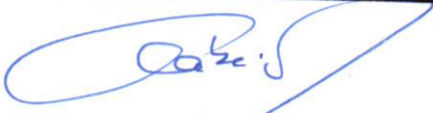

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