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**Statement of the
Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
at the Special Session of the
Human Rights Council
on the situation in Lebanon**

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**Mr. Chairman,
Excellencies,
Ladies and Gentlemen,**

I would like to begin by expressing my delegation's full endorsement of the statement delivered by the distinguished Ambassador of Tunisia on behalf of the Arab Group, as well as the statement delivered by the distinguished Ambassador of Pakistan on behalf of the member States of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, in which they deplored the recent acts of armed aggression and random bombardment by Israeli forces against the Lebanon Republic where the civilian population and civilian installations, including essential food, water, fuel and medical supplies and humanitarian relief convoys, have been targeted indiscriminately, resulting in thousands of deaths and injuries, particularly among defenceless women and children, as happened in the massacre at Qana, as well as the displacement of more than 800,000 civilians and extensive devastation of the country's infrastructure and natural environment.

Under these circumstances, my delegation strongly believes that this session's deliberations should focus on the imperative need to prevent further suffering to the civilian population by ensuring respect for their human rights in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter of the United Nations, human rights instruments and international humanitarian law and to dispatch urgently a high-level Commission of Inquiry to investigate the targeting of civilians in Lebanon, examine the legality of the types of weapons used by Israel and assess the human and material damages caused by Israeli violations of international humanitarian law.

Mr. Chairman,

Accordingly, my delegation fully supports the draft resolution on "The grave situation of human rights in Lebanon, caused by Israeli military operations", co-sponsored by the Arab Group and the Organization of the Islamic Conference, and trusts that it will be adopted by the members of the Council in pursuance of their ongoing endeavours to promote and protect human rights throughout the world.

Mr. Chairman,

We also urge the Council to transmit an urgent appeal calling upon the Security Council to rapidly adopt a resolution calling for an immediate ceasefire, and to discharge its function of maintaining international peace and security, as requested by the Arab delegation mandated by the ministerial meeting of the Council of the League of Arab States, held in Beirut on 7 August 2006, to convey the seven legitimate demands of the Lebanese Government and the Arab point of view concerning the grave situation in Lebanon.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.