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**Statement of H.E. Mr. Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser,
President of the 66th Session of the General Assembly,
on the attack on UNIFIL near Tyre, Lebanon**

Statement attributable to the spokesperson for the President of the General Assembly

The President of the General Assembly H.E. Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser, strongly condemns Friday's attack on the convoy of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) near Tyre, Lebanon, which injured five United Nations peacekeepers and two civilians. He welcomed the commitment of Lebanon to bring the perpetrators to justice.

The President extends his deepest sympathy to the families and friends of the victims of this heinous attack. He wishes a speedy recovery to those who were injured.

President Al-Nasser calls upon all parties to observe the safety and security of UNIFIL peacekeepers and other UN personnel in accordance with international law. He attaches great importance to the fulfilment of UNIFIL's mandate.

The President of the General Assembly reaffirms his full support to the UNIFIL and underscores its essential role in bringing stability in cooperation with the Lebanese authorities.