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Dear Mr. General Secretary:

I have just received your message regarding violations of the Security Council decision on the ceasefire in the Middle East.

I want to assure you that we assume full responsibility to bring about a complete end of hostilities on the part of Israel.

Our own information would indicate that the responsibility for the violation of the ceasefire belongs to the Egyptian side, but this is not the time to debate that particular issue. We have insisted with Israel that they take immediate steps to cease hostilities, and I urge that you take similar measures with respect to the Egyptian side.

You and I have achieved an historic settlement over this past weekend and we will not permit it to be destroyed.

Sincerely,

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