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**Written statement\* submitted by the Association for World Vision International  
(WVI),  
a non-governmental organization in general consultative status**

The Secretary-General has received the following written statement which is circulated in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31.

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World Vision International (WVI) is an international Christian relief and development organization dedicated to helping children and their communities worldwide reach their full potential by tackling the causes of poverty. We serve the world's poor, regardless of religion, race, ethnicity, or gender. For over thirty years, WVI has been working in this region including Lebanon, Israel and Palestine.

As the conflict in Lebanon enters its fourth week, WVI continues its distribution of essential relief items to over 26,000 internally displaced persons. The focus is to help children and families in need, regardless of their religious or political affiliations. Humanitarian needs in Lebanon, however, currently far surpass WVI's capacity to respond to them. U.N. corridors are functioning to a very limited degree in Lebanon, and WVI staff and those from other aid agencies are largely unable to travel. Southern Lebanon has been essentially cut off from Beirut with roads and bridges destroyed.

Israel has not escaped unscathed with Hezbollah having initiated and continued to launch rockets at towns and cities in northern Israel. Children and their families have fallen victim to this assault.

**WVI is gravely concerned with these deteriorating humanitarian situations, particularly regarding the condition of children who experience the greatest suffering in these situations. We condemn in the strongest terms any indiscriminate use of force in civilian areas by all sides, including the deliberate targeting of residential areas and civilian infrastructure such as rail stations, airports, power plants and bridges.**

**World Vision International therefore appeals:**

- **To all parties to protect children, cease all hostilities and negotiate a peaceful end to this crisis.**
- To allow unrestricted humanitarian access to civilian populations in Lebanon.
- To the United Nations and the international community to use their influence to ensure immediate, safe and continuous access for humanitarian organizations to deliver necessary relief assistance in Lebanon.
- To all parties engaged in this conflict to uphold obligations under international humanitarian law.

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