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Letter dated 5 July 1979 from the Permanent Representative of Israel
to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to refer to the letter of 11 June 1979 addressed to you by the Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Algeria (A/34/308) and also to his letter of 16 June 1979 addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/13399), and to state the following.

The dispute which was the subject of those letters and of a recent debate in the Security Council is essentially a local issue primarily between the States involved in the question of Western Sahara. It is clear therefore that the references to Israel made in the above-mentioned letters and also in the Algerian statement in the Security Council on 21 June 1979 are completely irrelevant and gratuitous. They are in fact further examples of the obsession gripping certain Arab States with regard to Israel, and of their inability and unwillingness to let pass any opportunity without injecting wholly extraneous issues.

The representatives of Algeria are not alone in exhibiting this attitude. The representative of Democratic Yemen, in addressing the Security Council on 22 June 1979, gave voice to the same obsession. His approach too is characteristic of those Arab States which invariably seek to exploit the Council and the business on its agenda for their own narrowly partisan purposes.

I have the honour to request that this letter be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 25 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

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