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Letter dated 14 January 1982 from the Permanent Representative of
Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I wish to draw your urgent attention to some of the latest outrages perpetrated by the terrorist PLO against Israel citizens and Israel institutions.

On Saturday evening, 9 January 1982, a bomb exploded next to the office of El Al Israel Airlines in Istanbul. Providentially, no one was injured by the blast. However, damage was caused to property. Two days following the explosion, the PLO, in a statement to the Kuwaiti press, boasted of its responsibility for this outrage.

In this connexion, I would also like to bring to your attention further PLO attempts to perpetrate atrocities against Israel citizens. On 30 December 1981, an explosive device was discovered on the main road leading to the Gillo residential neighbourhood in Jerusalem. The device was safely detonated by a police sapper. Mercifully, no one was injured. The same day, the terrorist PLO, as reported by Reuters in Damascus, bragged of its responsibility for this attempted atrocity.

On the morning of 11 January 1982, two explosive devices placed under a vegetable stand in the crowded market place of the town of Petah-Tikva blew up in rapid succession. With the explosions of these devices, large quantities of nails contained in them were scattered as lethal projectiles in every direction. Providentially, despite the lethal contents of the bombs, the blasts did not injure any of the numerous shoppers, many of whom were women. However, a police sapper was wounded by the explosion of one of the devices.

As is its wont, the PLO immediately broadcast its responsibility for this criminal act on its radio station in Lebanon.

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If any further evidence were needed to illustrate the real aims of this terror organization and its long-range strategy, a high-ranking adviser of Yasser Arafat recently provided it. According to the Lebanese daily newspaper al-Nahar of 9 January 1982, Hani al-Hassan declared that "the elimination of the State of Israel is the way we want to achieve unity and freedom in the Arab world".

Halad al-Hassan, another of Arafat's henchmen, in an interview with the Bahrain weekly Sada al-Usbou, published on 12 January 1982, emphasized that "there will be no existence for the Palestinian people or for Israel unless one of the two sides disappears". He then called on the Arabs to deal with the Palestinian problem on the basis that peaceful coexistence with Israel is impossible.

PLO acts of terror serve as further reminders, if such are still needed, of the true nature and objectives of that murder organization. It is a group of international criminals bent on the indiscriminate murder of civilians while at the same time masquerading under the guise of a "national liberation movement". This masquerading is, of course, facilitated by the fact that at the United Nations the terrorist PLO has been granted irregular rights in clear violation of the Charter of the United Nations and of the rules of procedure of various organs.

I have the honour to request that this letter be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under the item entitled "The situation in the Middle East", and of the Security Council.

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