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Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Further to the letter dated 2 April 1984 addressed to the President of the Security Council by the Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Israel to the United Nations (S/16458) and his letter dated 3 April 1984 addressed to Your Excellency (A/39/166), I now wish to draw Your Excellency's attention to the statement made by Yasser Arafat, in the wake of the criminal act perpetrated last week in Jerusalem.

According to Cairo Radio (3 April 1984), while visiting North Yemen last week, Arafat whole-heartedly endorsed the terrorist outrage in Jerusalem of 2 April 1984, which claimed 52 civilian casualties. On the same occasion, he also threatened similar bloodshed in the future.

This statement is wholly consistent with previous declarations made by the PLO terrorist chief on similar occasions. Thus, in the wake of a PLO terrorist attack on a civilian crowd of shoppers in downtown Jerusalem, on 29 February 1984, that "moderate" PLO terrorist chief praised the cold-blooded act of terrorism as an act of heroism (see my letter of 29 February 1984, document S/16377). Similarly, in the wake of the terrorist atrocity perpetrated in Jerusalem on 6 December 1983 against the passengers of a civilian bus on a main Jerusalem traffic artery, a spokesman for Arafat's "moderate" Fatah claimed responsibility in a statement from Tripoli, Lebanon, alongside a similar claim made by the "extremist" Abu Musa faction of the PLO (see my letter of 7 December 1983, document S/16205).

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These statements serve as proof of the criminal character of the PLO terrorist organization as a whole, regardless of its factions, be they "moderate" or "extreme". Their words and actions prove them to be international criminals of identical character and possessed of identical terrorist aims, namely, the cold-blooded and indiscriminate murder of innocent civilians - men, women and children.

I have the honour to request that this letter be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under item 36 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

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