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Letter dated 2 October 1984 from the Permanent Representative of
Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions of my Government, I wish to bring to Your Excellency's urgent attention the most recent acts of PLO outrage against the civilian population of Israel. These terrorist acts are the latest additions to the PLO's abysmal ledger of indiscriminate murder and destruction.

1. On 17 September 1984, at 7.45 p.m. local time, terrorists raked with automatic fire a bus carrying civilians from Jerusalem to Kiryat Arbah. Five passengers were wounded and two people in a car behind the bus were injured in the mêlée. Spokesmen for both "el-Fatah" and the "Popular Front" claimed responsibility.
2. On 23 September 1984 Israel Defence Forces apprehended five terrorists making their way towards Israel in a motorized rubber dinghy. The Israel Defence Forces found rocket launchers, five sub-machine-guns and a number of grenades aboard. "El-Fatah" claimed responsibility the same day, and announced that the terrorists "were ordered to carry out the operation on the direct orders of Yasir Arafat".
3. On 24 September 1984 a large explosive device was discovered in a supermarket in the Jerusalem suburb of Ramat Eshkol. Alerted by a shopper, police sappers successfully dismantled the bomb, set to explode soon thereafter. "El-Fatah" and the "Popular Front" again claimed responsibility.
4. On 25 September 1984 another large explosive device weighing three kilograms was found in a building in the centre of Jerusalem. An alert passerby notified police sappers who succeeded in dismantling the bomb before it exploded. Once again, "el-Fatah" and the "Popular Front" claimed responsibility.

5. On 30 September 1984, at 5.00 a.m. local time, an explosive device was discovered under a bench at a bus-stop near the city of Netanya. The bomb, weighing 8.3 kilograms, contained 12 slabs of RDX explosives and 8 slabs of TNT. The same day, the so-called "General Command of the Palestinian Revolution Forces" claimed responsibility for planting the bomb.

As my delegation has repeatedly pointed out, these criminal actions are the manifestation of a deliberate strategy of terror by the PLO - to kill and maim as many innocent Israeli civilians as possible. They are the most recent reminder of the character of the PLO, an organization committed to spreading terror, fear, murder and destruction. No amount of political camouflage, such as the appropriation of the banner of a "national liberation movement" by the PLO in the United Nations, can hide this basic truth.

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

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