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AND ITS GRAVE CONSEQUENCES FOR THE ESTABLISHED INTERNATIONAL
SYSTEM CONCERNING THE PEACEFUL USES OF NUCLEAR ENERGY, THE
NON-PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND INTERNATIONAL
PEACE AND SECURITY

Letter dated 20 November 1984 from the Permanent Representative of
Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to refer to document A/39/349, which contained a letter addressed to Your Excellency on 12 July 1984 by the Permanent Representative of Israel, and to point out that the statement of Yitzhak Shamir quoted in this letter should raise far more serious apprehensions and objections once its full intent is revealed.

In fact, there was more to Shamir's statement than his Permanent Representative to the United Nations chose to convey to Your Excellency. What Shamir really said is reported in the American publication Nucleonics Week of 10 May 1984, which states that:

"In a May 2nd speech in Tel Aviv, Shamir said that 'Israel, which is poor in national resources and sources of energy, has an interest in building nuclear power plants.' However, he added, some régimes violate agreements and rules of behaviour without fear of retribution. Accordingly, the Prime Minister advocated, co-ordinated and unified action by democratic countries which 'are capable of punishing the various international pirates.'"

This statement is not only a blatant affirmation of the aggressor's intention to repeat its acts of aggression, but also an open invitation to lawlessness.

I should be grateful if you would kindly circulate this letter as a document of the General Assembly under agenda item 24.

(Signed) Dr. Riyadh AL-QAYSI
Permanent Representative
