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THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Letter dated 20 December 1990 from the Permanent Representative of
Japan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of a statement issued by a spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan on the deportation of Palestinians living in Israeli-occupied territory and on the continuing terrorism there (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would arrange to have this text circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 35.

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ANNEX

Statement issued on 18 December 1990 by a spokesman of the
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan on the deportation of
Palestinians from Israeli-occupied territory and on the
continuing terrorism there

1. The Government of Japan strongly condemns the announcement made by the Government of Israel on 15 December of the deportation of four Palestinians from the Gaza Strip, which is Israeli-occupied territory. Such a measure infringes on the rights of the residents in the occupied territories who, as the Government of Japan has repeatedly pointed out to the Israeli Government, should be treated in accordance with international law and with humanitarian consideration.

2. On the other hand, since the disturbances in East Jerusalem on 8 October, there has been a series of acts of violence in Israel and Israeli-occupied territories, and on 14 December, there was an incident involving the killing of three Israeli citizens. The Government of Japan expresses its deep concern over this vicious circle of violence, and once again calls upon all concerned to exercise self-restraint.
