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QUESTION OF THE VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS IN ANY PART OF THE WORLD, WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO COLONIAL AND OTHER DEPENDENT COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES

Note verbale dated 23 February 1988 from the Permanent Mission
of Iraq to the United Nations Office at Geneva addressed to
the Chairman of the Commission on Human Rights, transmitting
letters dated 22 February 1988 from the Permanent Observer of
the Palestine Liberation Organization to the United Nations
Office at Geneva addressed to the Chairman of the Commission
on Human Rights

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Iraq to the United Nations Office at Geneva presents its compliments to the Chairman of the Commission on Human Rights and has the honour to transmit to him three documents from the Permanent Mission of the Palestine Liberation Organization to the United Nations Office at Geneva.

The Mission of the Republic of Iraq would be grateful if the necessary steps could be taken to publish these documents as official documents of the forty-fourth session of the Commission on Human Rights.

Annex I

LETTER DATED 22 FEBRUARY 1988 FROM THE PERMANENT OBSERVER OF
THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION TO THE UNITED NATIONS
OFFICE AT GENEVA ADDRESSED TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION
ON HUMAN RIGHTS

On 20 February 1988, two more Palestinian youths were buried alive by the Israeli occupation soldiers, in Khan Yunis (Gaza Strip). Saleh Mousa Hamad, aged 17, and Adel Mass'oud, aged 18, were found by the inhabitants of Khan Yunis and transported to hospital in a very critical condition.

This new tragic event, which is part of the practices used by the Israeli occupation authorities against the Palestinian people, men, women, children and babies, including murder, systematic beatings resulting in multiple fractures, attacks against pregnant women resulting in miscarriages, and burying people alive, constitutes one more act of genocide, according to articles II and III of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide.

We hereby request you to consider the present communication as an official document of the forty-fourth session of the Commission on Human Rights.

(Signed) Nabil RAMLAWI
Permanent Observer of the
Palestine Liberation Organization
to the United Nations Office at
Geneva

Annex II

LETTER DATED 22 FEB^{RUARY} 1988 FROM THE PERMANENT OBSERVER OF
THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION TO THE UNITED NATIONS
OFFICE AT GENEVA ADD^{RESSED} TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION
ON HUMAN RIGHTS

The Israeli occupation authorities have adopted a new method of mass murder against the Palestinian people in the Palestinian occupied territories.

The Israeli occupation fo^rces impose curfews on refugee camps and villages, oblige the inhabitants to enter their houses by force, then shoot gas-bombs inside the houses, thus causing a very great number of casualties among the defenceless civilians. Such methods have already been used in Gaza city, Jabalia camp, Beit-Lahya and Beit-Hanoun.

This new barbaric method of mags murder constitutes one more act of genocide according to articles JJ^{and} m of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide.

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Annex III

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In their barbaric campaign of aggression against the Palestinian people in the Palestinian occupied territories, the Israeli occupation forces have been using a particularly cruel way, attacking the Palestinian civilians inside their own homes, shooting gas-bombs inside the houses, thus causing death by suffocation of the inhabitants.

The case of the four-month-old Rana Youssef Odwan is an example of the brutality of these practices, as shown in the UNRWA confidential report No. 988405, dated 16 February 1988, copy of which is enclosed herewith. The baby died of suffocation when Israeli soldiers shot a gas-bomb inside her house.

These practices, which are contrary to all the principles of international humanitarian law, constitute more acts of genocide, according to articles II and III of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide.

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