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QUESTION DE LA VIOLATION DES DROITS DE L'HOMME DANS LES
TERRITOIRES ARABES OCCUPÉS, Y COMPRIS LA PALESTINE

Note verbale datée du 28 mars 2002 adressée au secrétariat de la cinquante-huitième session
de la Commission des droits de l'homme par la Mission permanente d'Israël
auprès de l'Office des Nations Unies à Genève

La Mission permanente d'Israël auprès de l'Office des Nations Unies et des autres organisations internationales à Genève présente ses compliments au secrétariat de la cinquante-huitième session de la Commission des droits de l'homme et a l'honneur de lui communiquer ci-joint une lettre datée du 28 mars 2002, adressée à M. Jakubowski, Président de la cinquante-huitième session de la Commission des droits de l'homme, concernant l'attentat-suicide à la bombe du 27 mars 2002.

La Mission permanente d'Israël demande que ce document* soit distribué sans délai en tant que document officiel de la cinquante-huitième session de la Commission des droits de l'homme au titre du point 8 de l'ordre du jour.

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Annex



Mission Permanente d'Israël
auprès de l'Office des Nations Unies
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משלחת ישראל
ליד משרד האומות המאוחדות
והארגונים הבינלאומיים בג'נבה

Mr. Krzysztof Jakubowski
Chairperson
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Geneva, 28 March 2002

Dear Mr. Jakubowski,

With deep sorrow we must inform you today, on this holy Jewish holiday about a revolting crime that was committed last night while people all over Israel were celebrating the Passover. At 7:30 P.M. on Wednesday evening, a Palestinian suicide bomber walked into the dining room of the Park Hotel in the coastal town of Netanya, where a large number of people were participating in the Passover service, and detonated an explosive device. Nineteen people were killed and over 100 were wounded, 23 seriously.

The Hamas took responsibility for the attack. The group identified the bomber as Abdel-Basset Odeh, a member of its military wing, the Iz a Din al-Kassam Brigades. Odeh had been on Israel's wanted list for four years. Repeated appeals to the Palestinian Authority to arrest the suspect were flagrantly ignored.

Since the arrival of the American Envoy, General Zinni, to the area, Israel has made every effort to ensure that his mission was successful. The Palestinian Authority and Chairman Arafat, however, failed to take any substantial steps to halt the Palestinian terror. Therefore, they are to be held responsible for this terrible crime.

The perpetrator and those who were behind this revolting crime have lost all sense of humanity and Israel will not rest until they are brought to justice.

Israel calls upon the international community to make clear to the Palestinian Authority and its leader, the gravity of this situation and the difficult consequences it entails, and to ensure that the Palestinian Authority takes every possible step to prevent planned acts of terror about which we have been informed.

Sincerely yours,

Tuvia Israeli
Deputy Permanent Representative