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LETTER DATED 5 JANUARY 1984 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF  
EGYPT TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE  
SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of a letter addressed to you  
by the Permanent Observer of the Palestine Liberation Organization to the United  
Nations dated 4 January 1984.

I would be grateful if you would arrange that this letter be circulated as a  
document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Ahmed T. KHALIL  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative

Annex

Letter dated 4 January 1984 from the Permanent Observer of  
the Palestine Liberation Organization to the United Nations  
addressed to the President of the Security Council

I am instructed by Yasser Arafat, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization, to bring the following to your immediate attention.

The Israeli Knesset is reported to have passed, in a first reading, a draft of a law extending the applicability of the emergency regulations in the occupied Palestinian territories. The draft was approved 47 against 40. An amendment was also introduced authorizing the Israeli authorities to impose the application of Israeli legislation in a number of cases, with the aim of replacing the Jordanian legislation "theoretically in force in the occupied West Bank".

New provision is reported to be approved authorizing the Israeli Ministry of Justice to apply civil and criminal laws in "Judea, Samaria and Gaza" subject to approval of the constitutional sub-committee of the Knesset without prior approval by the Knesset.

Another provision was adopted in the first reading by 54 against 46, authorizing the imposition of taxes in the transfer of property and applicable only to Israeli citizens purchasing such property, whether "in Israel, Judea, Samaria or Gaza".

The Palestine Liberation Organization considers such measures one more step in the process of creeping annexation and discrimination against Palestinian people still living in their homes in the Palestinian territories. This step is in flagrant violation of the principles of international law and the numerous resolutions of the Security Council. The Palestine Liberation Organization considers it incumbent upon the United Nations and the Security Council in particular to take immediate steps to declare such measures as illegal, and also to bring to an end Israeli occupation of Palestinian territories occupied since 1967. Your immediate action will be appreciated.

(Signed) Zuhdi Labib TERZI  
Permanent Observer

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