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## Letter dated 23 March 2004 from the Permanent Representative of Algeria to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

In accordance with article 39 of the rules of procedure of the Security Council, I have the honour to request you to authorize Mr. Yahja A. Mahmassani, Ambassador and Permanent Observer for the League of Arab States to the United Nations, to address the Security Council during the public debate devoted to the situation in the Middle East, including the question of Palestine, scheduled for 23 March 2004.

(Signed) Abdallah **Baali** Ambassador Permanent Representative

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