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Identical letters dated 13 November 2013 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

Earlier today, we awoke to learn that an Israeli had once again become the victim of Palestinian terror. Eden Atias, a 19-year-old Israeli soldier, was stabbed to death while sleeping on a passenger bus at the Afula bus station. This tragedy is the latest in a troubling escalation of terror attacks targeting Israelis.

In September, a 20-year-old Israel Defense Forces soldier, Tomer Hazan, was murdered near Kalkilya and a 9-year-old Israeli girl in Psagot was stabbed while playing in her front yard. In addition, two Israel Defense Forces soldiers were injured in an attack near Nabulus. The following month, four Israeli civilians were injured in a stabbing attack and Sraya Ofer was brutally beaten to death outside his home in the Jordan Rift Valley.

The murderer of Eden Atias was a 16-year-old Palestinian from Jenin. Terrorism does not begin with an attack on a bus or in a pizza parlour; it begins in classrooms, mosques and day camps where Palestinian children are being taught prejudice instead of peace, terror instead of tolerance and martyrdom instead of mutual understanding.

The recent increase in violence is proof that incitement has deadly consequences. I urge you to condemn these acts of violence and speak out against the rising tide of incitement.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter distributed as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Ron **Prozor**
Ambassador
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