



## Security Council

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### **Identical letters dated 14 February 2023 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council**

I write to you with immense sorrow and distress to report on the latest wave of terrorist attacks that Israel has been facing over the past 19 days. These include: the shooting attack at the entrance to a synagogue in Jerusalem on 27 January, in which seven civilians, including a 14-year-old, were murdered and three injured; the shooting attack in Jerusalem on 28 January, in which two civilians were injured by a 13-year-old terrorist; the ramming attack in Jerusalem on 10 February, in which three civilians were murdered, among them two children aged 6 and 8; the stabbing attack in Jerusalem yesterday, 13 February, in which a civilian was injured; and the latest stabbing attack, in Shoafat, yesterday, in which a soldier was murdered.

Overall, 11 Israelis were murdered in these bloody and brutal attacks and dozens were injured, some in critical condition.

In addition, during this period, rockets were launched from Gaza into Israel, intentionally targeting civilians and civilian infrastructure. These terror attacks are a direct consequence of the ongoing poisonous incitement spewed by the Palestinian Authority and other terrorist organizations that are driven by hatred.

I call upon the international community to condemn the latest terror attacks against Israeli civilians in the strongest and unequivocal terms. Those abhorrent crimes are being encouraged and applauded by the Palestinian Authority and Palestinian terror groups such as Hamas, Palestinian Islamic Jihad and the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine. The Palestinian Authority's support for terror and violence is evident not only through official statements, parades and celebrations, but also through the material support – the “pay to slay” payments – provided by the Palestinian Authority to terrorists and their families.

The leader of the Palestinian Authority, Mahmoud Abbas, blatantly refuses to condemn the barbaric Palestinian terror attacks against Israeli civilians. This serves as the clearest example of who is behind this wave of escalation and violence. As long as the international community does not demand accountability from the Palestinian Authority and its leadership, as well as a complete halt to incitement and indoctrination of violence – the prime motivators of future attacks – Palestinian attempts to maim and murder Israeli civilians will continue. Regardless, Israel, for its part, will continue to do whatever is necessary to protect its civilians.

Moreover, the Palestinian Authority, Hamas, Palestinian Islamic Jihad and others are shockingly encouraging and inciting children to carry out terrorist attacks against innocent civilians. Terrorist organizations continue using fake news and



non-stop online incitement calling for the murder of innocent Israelis, while encouraging the use of children as perpetrators of terrorism. The international community and the Security Council must insist on an end to Palestinian terror and to the incitement and hate speech.

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

*(Signed)* Gilad **Erdan**  
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