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Identical letters dated 3 May 2023 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

This week, between 2 and 3 May 2023, not even a month after the last barrage, Israeli civilians – men, women and children – were once again sent running to find cover from indiscriminate rockets fired by Palestinian terrorists. The Palestinian Islamic Jihad and Hamas, two internationally designated terror organizations in the Gaza Strip, continue to target Israeli civilians in their heinous attacks. In this recent act of terror, over 100 rockets were fired at Israeli towns and cities within 24 hours. Several Israelis were injured, while life in southern Israel came to a grinding halt.

Even more so, these terror organizations fire their rockets at Israel from civilian areas in the Gaza Strip, thereby committing a double war crime – targeting Israeli civilians, while using Gazans as human shields. Five Gazan family members, including children, were also hit by an errant terrorist rocket after it misfired and landed within the Gaza Strip.

Even one rocket, let alone 100 rockets in one day, is an abhorrent terror attack, yet not one condemnation – not even one word – has been uttered by United Nations leadership or organs against this violence. It is as if attacks against Israelis are so acceptable that they do not warrant even a comment. This attitude of apathy is horrifying and repulsive – and it must end now. When a Member State is attacked by over 100 rockets fired by terrorists in a single day, the United Nations and its relevant organs should be on their feet – not sitting idly by. This constant indifference to Israeli victims of terror is unacceptable.

I call on the Security Council to condemn these attacks in the strongest words. It should not fall on Israel to remind international bodies to do the job they are pledged to do. This is truly a disgrace.

I would be grateful if you have the present letter distributed as a document of the Security Council. I would like to inform you that an identical letter has been sent to the Secretary-General.

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