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In the course of the recent debates held by the Security Council on the question of Namibia and the situation in Grenada, respectively, certain speakers, once again, abused the Council's deliberations in an attempt to malign my country.

Thus, the Council's deliberations on Namibia were exploited by the representatives of Libya (on 25 October 1983, S/PV.2485, p. 78) and Iran (on 27 October 1983, S/PV.2490, p. 47), in order to inject totally unwarranted and offensive references to Israel.

Similarly, in the deliberations on the situation in Grenada, the representatives of Libya (on 25 October 1983, S/PV.2487, p. 72), Syria (on 26 October 1983, S/PV.2489, p. 52) and Jordan (on 28 October 1983, S/PV.2491, p. 192) and the observer of the League of Arab States (on 28 October 1983, S/PV.2491, p. 136) resorted to the same method.

As has often been the case in the past, these speakers and others have misused the Council forum by injecting issues and remarks entirely extraneous to the matters under discussion. Thus, they have indulged themselves in their obsessive hatred of my country by engaging in malicious polemics at the expense of the subjects on the agenda.

Clearly, certain speakers are so gripped by their irrational and obsessive hatred of Israel that they find it impossible to forgo any opportunity to inject wholly extraneous issues into international diplomatic discourse and other matters of concern to the international community. This relentless and cynical manipulation of the Security Council, and the United Nations as a whole, is largely responsible for the increasing loss of United Nations credibility in the international community, thus contributing significantly to the widespread sentiment that the Organization is becoming increasingly irrelevant to the major problems which confront our world.

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I have the honour to request that this letter be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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