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LETTER DATED 24 AUGUST 1971 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF ISRAEL TO
THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On instructions of my Government I have the honour to draw your urgent attention to the joint declaration made public by the Presidents of the United Arab Republic, Syria and Libya in Damascus on 20 August 1971.

The declaration marked the signing by the three States of the Constitution of the Federation of Arab Republics. It constitutes a proclamation by the United Arab Republic, Syria and Libya of warlike designs and of a policy rejecting peace with Israel. It states, inter alia:

"There will be no peace or negotiation with the Zionist enemy."

The declaration is a flagrant breach of the Charter of the United Nations and a defiant negation of the obligation to attain a just and lasting peace in the Middle East through agreement between Israel and the Arab States, as called for by Security Council resolution 242 (1967).

The United Arab Republic has assumed a grave responsibility by joining with Syria and Libya in announcing opposition to efforts towards peaceful settlement. Syria, in utter mockery of its membership on the Security Council, has been notorious for having repudiated any thought of peace with Israel; while Libya's international policies have been characterized by persistent lawlessness and active participation in aggression against Israel.

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

(Signed) Yosef TEKOAH
Permanent Representative of Israel
to the United Nations