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THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST

MEASURES TO PREVENT INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM

WHICH ENDANGERS OR TAKES INNOCENT HUMAN
LIVES OR JEOPARDIZES FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS,
AND STUDY OF THE UNDERLYING CAUSES OF THOSE
FORMS OF TERRORISM AND ACTS OF VIOLENCE
WHICH LIE IN MISERY, FRUSTRATION, GRIEVANCE
AND DESPAIR AND WHICH CAUSE SOME PEOPLE TO
SACRIFICE HUMAN LIVES, INCLUDING THEIR OWN,
IN AN ATTEMPT TO EFFECT RADICAL CHANGES

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Letter dated 27 July 1979 from the Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of the
Permanent Mission of Israel to the United Nations addressed to
the Secretary-General

I wish to draw your attention to yet another attempt made on 25 July 1979 by the terrorist PLO at the mass murder of civilians in Israel.

At 0900 on Wednesday, a bomb exploded at a bus stop at the Beit Lid Junction near the coastal town of Netanya. As a result, 12 people were injured.

As is its wont, immediately after this occurrence, the terrorist PLO boasted on its radio in Lebanon of its responsibility for this outrage.

This incident is only one of several which have occurred in the course of the current month:

(a) On 2 July, two bombs exploded, without causing damage or injury, one in the centre of Tel Aviv and the other in a suburb of Jerusalem. Another device was detected and dismantled safely in Jerusalem.

(b) On 10 July, a surface-to-air missile was discovered just outside of Jerusalem, aimed at the heart of the city. Providentially, it was dismantled without causing injury or damage.

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(c) On 12 July, a large explosive device was discovered in the market at the town of Petah Tikva and was dismantled safely.

(d) On 19 July, two explosive devices went off in a clothing store in the centre of Jerusalem, injuring one woman. Broadcasting from Baghdad the following day, the terrorist PLO took responsibility for this outrage.

(e) On 21 July, a large bomb was discovered on the Netanya beach, where thousands of bathers and holiday-makers were gathered. It was dismantled and thus a possibly major tragedy was averted. On the following day, on their radio in Lebanon, the PLO bragged of its responsibility.

In the light of the above, and given the true character and aims of the PLO, the Government of Israel is duty-bound, as has been indicated in previous letters, to take all measures necessary to protect the lives and safety of its citizens.

I have the honour to request that this letter be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under items 25 and 114 of the provisional agenda, and of the Security Council.

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