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### **Identical letters dated 12 April 2022 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 to report on the latest string of terrorist attacks that we have been facing throughout Israel over the past 18 days. These include: the stabbing attack in the southern metropolis of Beer-Sheva on 22 March, in which four people were murdered and two were injured; the shooting attack in the town of Hadera on 27 March, in which two people were murdered and five were injured; another shooting attack in the city of Bnei-Brak in central Israel on 29 March, in which five people were murdered and two were injured; and the latest shooting attack in Tel Aviv on 7 April, in which 3 people were murdered and 14 others injured.

Overall, 14 innocent people were murdered in these bloody and brutal attacks, and dozens more were injured, with a number of victims in critical condition. Although the heinous attacks were directed against the Jewish population, Israeli Arabs and Druze were murdered, as well as two Ukrainian nationals.

These terror attacks, claiming the lives of so many innocent civilians, are the direct outcome of the ongoing poisonous incitement spewed by Hamas and other terrorist organizations, which are all driven by an ideology of hate. This onslaught of violence stands in stark contrast to Israel's efforts to promote peace and dialogue and build constructive partnerships with its neighbours.

It must be emphasized that these attacks, like so many others conducted by Palestinian terrorists, intentionally targeted Israeli civilians. These heinous acts of terrorism must be unequivocally condemned. However, as I write, these attacks are being glorified on Palestinian social media, and candies are being distributed in the streets of Palestinian towns, with the terrorists deemed "martyrs". Hamas leaders have praised the terrorists and called their murderous acts "heroic", as have the leaders of Palestinian Islamic Jihad, the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine and Hezbollah.

Israel fully supports the international calls for restraint and calm, especially during these holy times for all three monotheistic religions. Israel is committed to freedom of worship and the protection of holy sites. At the same time, we have just witnessed – beyond the brutal attacks against Israeli civilians described above – the violent desecration of one of Judaism's holy sites, the Tomb of Joseph, by Palestinian extremists. These actions do not facilitate calm and peaceful celebrations; rather, they fan the fires of upheaval and hatred.

All of these terrorist attacks serve as a reminder that these abhorrent crimes were encouraged and applauded by Hamas and other Palestinian terror groups such as



Palestinian Islamic Jihad and the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine. The continued silence of the international community, under the guise of neutrality or impartiality, will not bring calm or stability but rather embolden the extremists at the cost of innocent lives.

I call upon the international community and the Security Council to condemn in the strongest and unequivocal terms the latest terror attacks against Israelis. It must not only insist upon an end to Palestinian terrorism but also call for an end to the culture of incitement and hate speech, which is promoted and facilitated by the Palestinian Authority and runs rampant in Palestinian media, social networks and textbooks. The Palestinian Authority must also be called upon to put an immediate end to the ongoing material support – the “pay to slay” payments – provided by them to terrorists and their families. As seen in these latest attacks, terrorism does not spare any religion or nationality, and as such must be condemned by all, with absolutely no excuses or justifications.

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

*(Signed)* Gilad **Erdan**  
Ambassador of Israel to the United Nations

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