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Identical letters dated 24 August 2023 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 in regard to the recent horrific shooting attacks perpetrated by Palestinian terrorists over the month of August 2023, in which four Israelis were murdered and another civilian was wounded. I call on the Security Council to unequivocally condemn these brutal terror attacks against Israeli civilians, as well as the despicable Palestinian “Pay for Slay” policy, in the strongest terms.

The first shooting attack occurred on 5 August, in Tel Aviv, by a Palestinian member of the Palestinian Islamic Jihad, a designated terror organization, and resulted in the death of a 42-year-old father of three, Chen Amir. The second shooting attack took place last Saturday, 19 August, near the village of Hawara, where 60-year-old Shay Silas Nigreker and his son, 28-year-old Aviad Nir, were murdered by a Palestinian terrorist. The latest shooting attack took place mere days ago on 20 August, in which Batsheva Nigri, a 40-year-old Israeli mother, was murdered by a Palestinian terrorist in front of her daughter and another Israeli civilian was seriously wounded near Hebron.

Since the beginning of 2023, 35 people, including women and children, have been murdered by Palestinian terrorists and more than 190 shooting attacks have been perpetrated. This current wave of terror is the direct result of continuous and deliberate incitement by the Palestinian Authority, as well as the guidance and support of the Iranian regime to terrorist groups, including Hamas and Palestinian Islamic Jihad. On 21 August, the Palestinian Authority’s military wing claimed responsibility for the shooting attack in Hebron. The Palestinian Authority’s continued encouragement of terror is appalling and must be condemned in the strongest terms by the international community and the Security Council. Palestinian leadership must be held accountable for its continuous incitement and acts of terror.

It is time for the international community and the Security Council to demand that the Palestinian Authority end its despicable “Pay for Slay” policy, which stands in clear contravention of international law concerning the financing of terrorism. Additionally, the Palestinian Authority must be pressured to work towards countering terrorist attacks and preventing the extreme levels of incitement.

I find it alarming that only a few Security Council members condemned these heinous terrorist attacks during the recent Middle East briefing, which took place on 21 August, the International Day of Remembrance of and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism. Israel will continue to act resolutely against terror and imminent security threats, and will take any means necessary in order to defend its citizens.



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

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