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Letter dated 12 October 1978 from the Permanent Representative
of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the President of
the General Assembly

In accordance with my advance notification, the Israel delegation did not participate in the meetings of the General Assembly on Yom Kippur, namely, from sundown of 10 October to sundown of 11 October 1978.

During that time a speaker for the so-called PLO was allowed to make a statement in the general debate (see A/33/PV.29), allegedly in reply to a statement made the previous day.

Since my delegation was unable to record its objection to this irregular practice in the course of the meeting, I now wish to register our strongest reservations on this matter.

Articles 3 and 4 of the Charter of the United Nations stipulate that only States can be Members of the Organization. Rule 73 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly makes the right of reply in the plenary of the General Assembly available only to Members.

Israel maintains that the Charter of the Organization and the rules of procedure must be respected under all circumstances and that the interests of the United Nations cannot be served by practices departing from the Charter and the rules of procedure.

I should be grateful if arrangements could be made for this letter to be circulated as a document of the General Assembly under agenda item 9.

(Signed) Yehuda Z. BLUM
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to the United Nations