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Letter dated 21 December 1978 from the Permanent Representative
of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the President of
the General Assembly

I have the honour to refer to the letter of 6 November 1978 addressed to you by the Permanent Representative of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya (A/33/366).

While no explicit reference to Israel is made in that letter, it is clear from its over-all context that the Libyan representative is attempting to raise objections to the credentials of the Delegation of Israel.

It is obvious that his letter is completely unfounded. The credentials of the Israel Delegation were in due and proper order and were found to be so by the Credentials Committee. The letter of the Libyan representative is thus a transparent attempt to abuse the credentials procedure in order to introduce matters completely extraneous to it. Moreover, those extraneous matters are dealt with in a manner deliberately misrepresenting the history of the Arab-Israel conflict.

It is not my intention to be drawn into such an abuse of the credentials procedure. I confine myself to pointing out that the time-worn clichés of Arab propaganda, rehashed by the Libyan representative in his letter, have been exposed in my letter of 22 November 1978 to the Secretary-General (A/33/386-S/12933).

At the same time, I wish to register my surprise that a letter purportedly relating to the report of the Credentials Committee, which refrains from calling a Member State by its official designation and engages instead in name-calling, should have been circulated as a document of the General Assembly.

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I have the honour to request that this letter be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under agenda item 3.

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