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**Identical letters dated 5 November 2014 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council**

If recent events offer any indication, the Security Council will once again remain silent as Israel buries yet another victim of Palestinian terrorism. Earlier today, a terrorist rammed his vehicle onto two crowded Jerusalem train platforms, killing Jedan Assad and injuring 14 others. Shortly after the attack Hamas claimed responsibility, calling the perpetrator a “martyr” and describing the attack as “a heroic operation”.

This is the most recent example of the violence that has come in the wake of inflammatory remarks made by the Palestinian leadership. Two weeks ago, Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas called on Palestinians to prevent Jews from visiting the Temple Mount using “all means” necessary. In response to this blatantly dangerous provocation, the Security Council did not utter a word.

Following the incitement by Abbas, hundreds of Arabs rioted in Jerusalem. On 23 October, a terrorist deliberately drove full-speed onto a Jerusalem train platform, killing two people, and days later a Palestinian terrorist, Moataz Hijazi, shot Rabbi Yehuda Glick. The Security Council continued to remain silent.

As Rabbi Yehuda Glick lay in a coma, fighting for his life, President Abbas saw fit to write a condolence letter to the family of the would-be murderer. In the letter, he describes Israeli security forces as “terrorists” and glorifies Hijazi as a “martyr”. President Abbas is sanctioning and celebrating murder, and Israelis are paying with their lives. Still nothing from the Security Council.

I write to you today with the full expectation that the Council will continue adhering to its vow of silence. Should the Council revise its policy and deem it appropriate to condemn the Palestinian leadership’s incitement and the violence that follows, I will be the first to commend the Council for embracing sound judgment and upholding international peace and security.

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

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Ambassador  
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