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ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

Letter dated 31 August 1972 from the Acting Permanent Representative
of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to the United Nations
addressed to the Secretary-General

At the request of the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations, the Secretariat circulated as official documents of the twenty-seventh session of the General Assembly (A/8767 and A/8773) letters in which a question is raised having no connexion with the agenda of the forthcoming session of the General Assembly or with the United Nations in general. The Secretariat also circulated as an annex to document A/8773 a statement by the Prime Minister of Israel containing a malicious slander against the Soviet Union, and a resolution of the Knesset which amounts to provocative appeals for interference in the domestic affairs of the USSR.

The above-mentioned action taken by the representative of Israel is nothing more than an attempt to interfere in the domestic affairs of the USSR and a gross violation of the United Nations Charter.

It is impossible not to express regret that the services of the United Nations Secretariat have permitted themselves to become involved in this provocative anti-Soviet action and have made it possible for the representative of Israel, for improper purposes contrary to the Charter, to make use of the channels of the United Nations, which is intended as a centre for the concerted action of States with a view to the maintenance of international peace and security, and for the development of friendly relations and international co-operation, and not as a place for carrying out harmful acts against Member States and for attempts to interfere in the domestic affairs of sovereign States.

In connexion with what has been stated above, the USSR Mission to the United Nations firmly protests against attempts to use the United Nations for purposes that run counter to the Charter, and expresses the hope that you, Sir, will take steps for the prevention of such acts in the future.

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It is requested that this letter be circulated as an official document of the twenty-seventh session of the General Assembly.

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