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Letter dated 12 October 1990 from the Permanent Representative of
Italy to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit the text, in English and French, of the EC statement on the recent incidents in Jerusalem, issued on 9 October 1990 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 23 and 35, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Vieri TRAXLER
Ambassador

ANNEX

Statement on the recent bloody incidents in Jerusalem

The Community and its member States have learned with dismay the news of the bloody incidents that have taken place in Jerusalem causing such a high toll of Palestinian dead and of injured persons.

The Community and its member States consider unacceptable, and once more strongly deplore, the use of excessive force by the Israeli occupying forces in repressing Palestinian demonstrations, against a background of repeated violations of international law, in particular as regards the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War, of 12 August 1949.

The tragic events in Jerusalem underline once again the need for a settlement of the Palestinian problem in accordance with justice.

The Community and its member States reaffirm their commitment to a just, comprehensive and lasting solution to the Arab-Israeli conflict and to this end they support the principle of the convening of an International Peace Conference on the Middle East under the auspices of the United Nations.
