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THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

The Deputy Permanent Representative of Tunisia to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General and has the honour to transmit herewith the communiqué issued by the Tunisian Government on 5 February 1986 following the interception of the civilian Libyan aircraft by Israeli fighters.

"Following the interception by Israeli fighters of a civilian aircraft carrying Syrian officials on its way to Syria, an official source of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs made the following statement:

"Tunisia considers this diversion to be a violation of international laws and regulations and a grave attack on the principles of freedom of civil aviation.

"It is an act of State terrorism which may pave the way for the establishment of the law of the jungle, gravely disturb civilian air transport and threaten the safety of travellers.

"This State terrorism may lead to developments, the scope and consequences of which it is hard to evaluate.

"Tunisia condemns these acts and calls on the international community to take a firm stand on them by condemning them and taking deterrent measures against the perpetrators so as to put an end to these acts and preserve the world from the danger that they represent."

The Deputy Permanent Representative of Tunisia would be grateful if the Secretary-General would have this communiqué circulated as an official document of the Security Council.