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Letter dated 2 December 1985 from the Permanent Representative of
Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I would like to bring to your attention a recent incident at the United Nations.

During deliberations in the Third Committee on 25 November 1985, the representative of Bahrain repeated the medieval libel that the Jewish people killed Jesus Christ. With this brazen act of anti-Semitism, 1/ Bahrain has embraced the Dark Ages. It has brought into the Third Committee the most vile anti-Semitic incitement of the last two millenia. And it has chosen to spread this racial and religious incitement in a discussion on, of all things, racial and religious intolerance.

Once again, Israel calls upon the United Nations and, in this instance, especially the Third Committee, to take steps that will ensure the end of this shocking behaviour.

I have the honour to request that this letter be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 94 and 101, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Benjamin NETANYAHU
Ambassador

Notes

1/ The terms "anti-Semitism", "anti-Semite" and "anti-Semitic" are used throughout this letter within their commonly accepted meaning, denoting hostility to Jews (cf., The Concise Oxford Dictionary of Current English).
