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Letter dated 27 February 1986 from the Permanent Representative of
Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

At the opening of the forty-second session of the Commission on Human Rights on 4 February 1986, Mr. Herman Klenner, a former Nazi (party membership card No. 97-56-141) and head of the German Democratic Republic's delegation, was elected Vice-Chairman of the Commission.

Consequently, Israel's Delegation to the United Nations at Geneva issued the same day a press release deploring this election. I have the honour to forward to you the text of this press release (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under items 12 and 136 of the preliminary list, and of the Economic and Social Council, under item 9 of the provisional agenda of its first regular session of 1986, in connection with the topic on measures to be taken against Nazi, Fascist and neo-Fascist activities and all other forms of totalitarian ideologies and practices based on racial intolerance, hatred and terror.

(Signed) Benjamin NETANYAHU
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ANNEX

Press Release of Israel's delegation to the United Nations
at Geneva, 4 February 1986

The opening of the forty-second session of the Commission on Human Rights was overshadowed by the election of Mr. Herman Klenner, the head of the German Democratic Republic's delegation as Vice-Chairman of the Commission.

The election of a former Nazi (party membership card No. 97-56-141, issued on 20 April 1944) on the very year of the fortieth anniversary of the victory upon the scourge of nazism emphasizes the political cynicism and moral complacency which prevail in this international arena.

By this election, the Commission on Human Rights mortgages, even further, its credibility and its effectiveness in the defence of human rights.
