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Letter dated 4 June 1986 from the Permanent Representative of Israel
to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Once again, while speaking to the Security Council on 23 May 1986, the Permanent Representative of Iran descended to genocidal incitement. He referred to the "Zionist base" as a "cancer ... to be eradicated by the clean surgery of a military operation" (S/PV.2686, p. 67).

By now few things surprise us when it comes to the delegate of Iran. In fact we have come to expect such abusive language from the representative of such a violent and aggressive régime.

But the absence of any reaction to such invective by Council members is a different matter. Except for the delegate of the United States, none of the members chose to comment on this outburst. This silence marks a disturbing erosion of the most fundamental principles of the United Nations. The responsible members of this body must take action to ensure that such incitement does not go unchallenged. At stake is the integrity and authority of the Security Council, and the United Nations as a whole.

I have the honour to request that this letter be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under items 12, 37 and 135 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Benjamin NETANYAHU
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