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LETTER DATED 7 MARCH 1980 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF  
ISRAEL TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE  
SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to refer to the letter dated 21 February 1980 from the  
Chargé d'Affaires of Syria (S/13812) with which he transmitted a letter of the  
same date addressed by the Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of Syria  
to the Secretary-General, and wish to state the following:

The claim that Israel is preparing to open hostilities against Syria is  
completely groundless. It apparently was made in an attempt to cover up the  
recent movements of Syrian troops in Lebanon. Israel is alert to these movements,  
the ultimate purpose of which remains obscure.

Israel has repeatedly stated and wishes to reiterate its position that it  
is interested in peace with all its neighbours. It is therefore not contemplating  
any attack on Syria or any other country.

I should be grateful if arrangements could be made to circulate this letter  
as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Yehuda Z. BLUM  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative of Israel  
to the United Nations

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