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Letter dated 25 May 1971 from the Permanent Representative of Israel
to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions from my Government I have the honour to refer to the letter addressed to you on 21 May 1971 by the Permanent Representative of Jordan (A/8315, S/10203).

It is precisely because Israel's policy is "to ensure the safety, welfare and security of the inhabitants" of the areas referred to in the Jordanian letter that steps are being taken to prevent terrorism and to hinder individuals engaged in terrorist activities from disturbing peace in these areas. The Jordanian Government, as is well known, is not unfamiliar with problems of public order within its own territory. It is unavoidable in the general interest to take necessary measures to prevent terrorists from creating the conditions of disorder and public chaos at which they aim. The Government of Israel prides itself on having achieved this purpose and on maintaining normal civilian life in the areas in question with a minimum resort to security measures and in as humane a manner as possible.

I have the honour to request that this letter be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly and the Security Council.

(Signed) Yosef TEKOAH
Permanent Representative of Israel
to the United Nations

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