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Letter dated 9 September 1987 from the Permanent Representative of
Kuwait to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit a letter dated 8 September 1987 addressed to Your Excellency by Dr. Riyad Mansour, Deputy Permanent Observer and Chargé d'affaires, a.i., of the Palestine Liberation Organization to the United Nations.

I should be grateful if you would arrange for this letter to be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 39, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Mohammad A. ABULHASAN
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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ANNEX

Letter dated 8 September 1987 from the Deputy Permanent Observer
of the Palestine Liberation Organization to the United Nations
addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions of the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization I am asked to bring the following to your urgent attention. On the eve of the fifth anniversary of the Sabra-Shatila massacres, Tel Aviv has perpetrated another act of Israeli state terrorism. At 10.26 a.m. on Saturday, 5 September 1987, the Israeli Air Force carried out three air attacks on Ein el-Hilweh Palestinian refugee camp, which resulted in massive human carnage. The air attacks, carried out at 20-minute intervals, were directed at the refugee camp and surrounding area, but primarily concentrated on the northern and southern camp perimeters. Casualty figures at this time are 49 civilians, including women and children killed, and over 100 injured. Scores of civilians are missing buried under the rubble. The timing and style of the attack was for inflicting the largest number of casualties - a premeditated massacre of Palestinian refugees.

Less than 24 hours later, on 6 September 1987, Israeli naval units consisting of one destroyer and six gunboats bombarded Rashidieh Palestinian refugee camp, resulting in several civilian casualties.

We call upon the good offices of the Secretary-General and of the Security Council of the United Nations to take immediate and effective measures on the basis of relevant resolutions of the United Nations to put an end to the continued Israeli aggressions against Palestinian refugee camps in Lebanon.

(Signed) Dr. Riyad MANSOUR
Deputy Permanent Observer
Chargé d'affaires, a.i.
