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Letter dated 29 July 1980 from the Permanent Representative of  
Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I wish to draw your attention to a savage attack by the terrorist PLO on Jewish children in Antwerp, Belgium, on Sunday, 27 July 1980.

The facts of this outrage are as follows: a group of some 40 Jewish children were waiting outside a communal centre in Antwerp to board a bus which was to take them to a summer camp. A PLO terrorist hurled two grenades at the children, killing one outright and wounding seven others. In addition, 10 adults, mainly parents who had come to see their children off, and including a pregnant woman, were also wounded. Of the 17 children and adults injured, 6 are still in a critical condition.

The so-called "Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine", which is an integral part of the PLO murder organization, has taken responsibility for this atrocity.

This ugly incident shows yet again the true character of the terrorist PLO. Under the guise of "national liberation" and of conducting an "armed struggle against the Zionist entity", the PLO is in fact embarked on a ruthless campaign against Jews and the Jewish people everywhere.

The only reason why these children were so mercilessly assaulted in Antwerp was the fact that they happened to be Jews.

This latest outrage is completely in line with the long series of barbarous crimes against Jewish children perpetrated over the years by the PLO, including, for example, the murder of schoolchildren at Avivim in May 1970 and at Ma'alot in May 1974, as well as the slaughter of infants at Nahariya in April 1979 and at Misgav Am in April 1980.

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I have the honour to request that this letter be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 26 on the provisional agenda, and of the Security Council.

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to the United Nations

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