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Letter dated 11 August 1980 from the Permanent Representative of  
Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I wish to draw your attention to the latest attempt by PLO terrorists to perpetrate indiscriminate murder against Israel civilians.

Shortly before noon on Saturday, 9 August 1980, an explosion occurred in the Canada Park, located near Latrun, not far from the Jerusalem-Tel Aviv highway. At the same time, the park was teeming with thousands of week-end visitors. The explosion of the bomb, which had been hidden in a tree trunk, wounded five persons, including a boy of 11 who was taken to the hospital in critical condition. PLO spokesmen immediately took responsibility for the bombing in a radio broadcast from Lebanon.

In addition, since my letters of 24 June 1980 addressed to you (A/35/302) and to the President of the Security Council (S/14016), the following terror acts by the PLO have occurred:

(a) On 19 July 1980 a large explosive charge was discovered in Jaffa. It was dismantled without any damage being caused.

(b) On 20 July 1980 an explosion took place in a gas station near Erez in the south of Israel causing minor damage.

(c) On 3 August 1980 an explosion went off in the offices of al Fajr, an Arabic newspaper in Jerusalem. No one was wounded.

Responsibility for each of these attempts has been claimed by the terrorist PLO.

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As will be recalled, at the end of May 1980 the Fourth Congress of al-Fatah (the largest constituent group within the PLO), headed by Yasser Arafat, decided, inter alia, to step up terrorist activities in Israel (see my letters of 4 June 1980 (S/13985) and 6 June 1980 (A/35/282)). The outrages described in the present letter and in my letters of 24 June 1980 are in accord with that criminal decision.

Given the true character and aims of the PLO, as demonstrated again in these attacks, the Government of Israel is duty-bound to take all measures necessary to protect the lives and safety of its citizens.

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

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

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