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Letter dated 12 October 1980 from the Permanent Representative
of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the President of
the General Assembly

I have the honour to refer to the letter of 7 October 1980 addressed to you by the Permanent Representative of Pakistan (A/35/515). That letter, coming on the heels of a similar letter from the Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Syrian Arab Republic, dated 4 September 1980 and addressed to the then President of the General Assembly (A/S-11/24), contains a gratuitous and completely unfounded attack on the credentials of the delegation of Israel to the thirty-fifth session of the General Assembly, notwithstanding the fact that they were found in due form by the Credentials Committee and accepted at its meeting on 22 September 1980, as reported in document A/35/484 of 29 September 1980.

The letter of the Permanent Representative of Pakistan is thus a crude and transparent attempt to abuse the credentials procedure in order to introduce matters completely extraneous to it.

It is not my intention to be drawn into such abuse of the credentials procedure. I will confine myself to the following observations:

(a) The report of the Credentials Committee is not the occasion for any country to engage in polemics of the kind appearing in the Pakistani letter of 7 October 1980;

(b) Such unjustified aspersions cast on credentials which are in due form, and have been accepted as such by the Credentials Committee, are in violation of the letter and spirit of the United Nations Charter;

(c) The approach reflected in that letter is also incompatible with the principles guiding the United Nations, including the duty incumbent on all Members of the United Nations to use it, as the Charter enjoins, as a "centre for harmonizing the actions of nations" (Art. 1, para. 4);

(d) This approach does not merely redound to the general discredit of the United Nations system as a whole; it is also liable to affect adversely the ability of the United Nations to perform its primary functions for the maintenance of international peace and security.

I have the honour to request that this letter be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under agenda item 3.

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to the United Nations
