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Letter dated 7 November 1980 from the Permanent Representative of
Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I should like to draw your urgent attention to the fact that a series of rockets were fired from Lebanese territory yesterday evening, 6 November 1980, at civilian targets in the Galilee "panhandle" in northern Israel. In the northern town of Kiryat Shmona, five civilians were injured in this barrage, for which the terrorist PLO has since taken responsibility.

Israel regards this latest incident with the utmost gravity. It is the first of its kind since August of this year, when there were two similar incidents, on the 20th and 23rd of that month. Moreover, it is the first in which there have been casualties since the rocket attack on Kiryat Shmona on 25 August 1979, as reported in the annex to my letter of 15 April 1980 to the President of the Security Council (S/13895).

As I have observed on previous occasions, 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 agenda item 26, and of the Security Council.

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