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THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Letter dated 11 March 1981 from the Permanent Representative of
Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Further to my letter of 9 March 1981 (A/36/122), I wish to draw your attention to the indiscriminate shelling of towns and villages in northern Israel carried out on 2 and 3 March 1981 by PLO terrorists operating from Lebanon.

On 2 March, civilian centres in both western Galilee and in the "Galilee Panhandle" were subjected to three barrages of Katyusha rockets fired across the border with Lebanon by the PLO. As a result, four civilians in the northern town of Kiryat Shmonah were injured.

On 3 March, the PLO bombardments from Lebanon were renewed and two barrages of Katyusha rockets were fired at civilian centres in western Galilee, causing damage to property.

It is clear that these bombardments and those which have preceded them over the last year (as reported in my various letters to you and to the President of the Security Council) are related to the steady build-up of the PLO's offensive capacity in southern Lebanon, based largely on the introduction of sizeable quantities of armour and artillery of Soviet manufacture.

I should like to take this opportunity of updating my letter of 15 April 1980 to the President of the Security Council (S/13895), in which I detailed 44 acts of PLO terror from Lebanese territory from mid-June 1978 until the murderous attack of 6/7 April 1980 on the children's nursery in Kibbutz Misgav Am. I accordingly attach a schedule setting out in detail 26 further acts and attempted acts of terror which the PLO has perpetrated from Lebanese territory against targets in Israel since that date.

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All these acts of terror have been aimed against civilian targets in northern Israel. Thirty-two towns and villages have been attacked or shelled, some of them several times. They are as follows: Amir, Ayalon, Beit Hillel, Betzet, Dafna, Dan, Even Menachem, Fasuta, Goren, Huleh, Idmit, Jurdah, Kfar Blum, Kfar Giladi, Kfar Szold, Kfar Yuval, Kiryat Shmonah, Ma'ayan Baruch, Manara, Margalioth, Metulla, Metzuba, Misgav Am, Nahariya, Ne'ot Mordechai, Netu'a, Sasa, She'ar Yashuv, Shlomi, Shnir, Shtula, Ya'ara.

I have the honour to request that this letter and its attachment be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under item 33 of the preliminary list.

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ANNEX

PLO terrorist activity emanating from
Lebanon since 7 April 1980

- 1) 14.5.1980 - Three PLO terrorists killed in attempting to cross from Lebanese territory near Kibbutz Hanita.
- 2) 17.5.1980 - Katyusha rockets fired from Lebanese territory at civilian centres in the "Galilee Panhandle".
- 3) 16.6.1980 - Israel naval vessel intercepted and destroyed a terrorist vessel opposite the village of Achziv on the Mediterranean coast.
- 4) 20.7.1980 - An abortive attempt made by PLO terrorists to cross from Lebanese territory into Israel by balloon.
- 5) 14.7.1980 - Katyusha rockets fired from Lebanese territory at civilian centres in the "Galilee Panhandle".
- 6) 20.8.1980 - Katyusha rockets fired from Lebanese territory at civilian centres in the "Galilee Panhandle".
- 7) 23.8.1980 - Katyusha rockets fired from Lebanese territory at civilian centres in the "Galilee Panhandle".
- 8) 17.9.1980 - Katyusha rockets fired from Lebanese territory at civilian centres in the "Galilee Panhandle".
- 9) 6.11.1980 - Katyusha rockets fired from Lebanese territory at civilian centres in the "Galilee Panhandle". Five civilians wounded at Kiryat Shmonah.
- 10) 13.11.1980 - Two PLO terrorists killed in attempting to cross from Lebanese territory near Kibbutz Misgav Am.
- 11) 14.12.1980 - Unsuccessful attempt by a PLO terror squad to cross from Lebanese territory west of Kibbutz Zar'it.
- 12) 19.12.1980 - Katyusha rockets fired from Lebanese territory at civilian centres in the "Galilee Panhandle".
- (13): 25.12.1980 - Five terrorists killed in attempting to cross from Lebanese territory near Kibbutz Hanita.
- 14) 28.1.1981 - Katyusha rockets fired from Lebanese territory at civilian centres in the "Galilee Panhandle".
- 15) 28/29.1.1981 - Katyusha rockets fired from Lebanese territory at civilian centres in the "Galilee Panhandle". Seven civilians, including four children, wounded in Kiryat Shmonah.
- 16) 29/30.1.1981 - Katyusha rockets fired from Lebanese territory at civilian centres in the "Galilee Panhandle".

17) 29/30.1.1981 - Two hours later, a second barrage of Katyusha rockets fired from Lebanese territory at civilian centres in the "Galilee Panhandle".

18) 30.1.1981 - Katyusha rockets fired from Lebanese territory at Kiryat Shmonah. Three civilians wounded.

19) 30.1.1981 - Katyusha rockets fired from Lebanese territory at civilian targets in western Galilee.

20) 30.1.1981 - A second barrage of Katyusha rockets fired from Lebanese territory at civilian targets in western Galilee.

21) 2.3.1981 - Katyusha rockets fired from Lebanese territory at Kiryat Shmonah. Four civilians wounded.

22) 2.3.1981 - Katyusha rockets fired from Lebanese territory at civilian targets in western Galilee.

23) 2.3.1981 - A second barrage of Katyusha rockets fired from Lebanese territory at civilian targets in western Galilee.

24) 3.3.1981 - Katyusha rockets fired from Lebanese territory at civilian targets in western Galilee.

25) 3.3.1981 - A second barrage of Katyusha rockets fired from Lebanese territory at civilian targets in western Galilee.

26) 7.3.1981 - Two PLO attempts to fly from Lebanese territory into Israel on terrorist missions.
