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Letter dated 10 April 1981 from the Permanent Representative of
Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I wish to draw your urgent attention to a particularly cowardly and despicable attack by PLO terrorists on a wedding party in Jerusalem on 8 April 1981.

The celebration was taking place in a reception hall on Mount Zion when a hand-grenade was hurled at the participants. A waiter was critically wounded and died shortly thereafter. In addition, two children were slightly wounded.

According to Reuters from Damascus, the PLO immediately took responsibility for this outrage.

No comment is needed on this callous act of pure and indiscriminate terror, so completely in line with the PLO's deliberate policy, since its inception, of mindless bloodshed and attempted murder of innocent civilians in crowded public places such as open markets, school buses and cafeterias.

In this connexion, I wish to point out that in the last fortnight there has been a series of PLO acts of terror against Israel civilians:

(a) On 29 March 1981, four people were injured when a bomb exploded on a public bus coming from Netanya as it was about to enter the central bus station in Tel Aviv. The following day, the PLO took responsibility for this outrage in a broadcast on its radio in Lebanon.

(b) Also on 29 March 1981, a "Molotov cocktail" was hurled at a public bus in the village of Raineh between Nazareth and Tiberias. Mercifully, no one was injured in this outrage for which responsibility was taken by PLO sources in Lebanon.

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(c) On 30 March 1981, an explosive device was discovered in the town of Dimona in the Negev and dismantled without causing injury. The following day the PLO took responsibility for this attempted act of terror in a broadcast on its radio in Lebanon.

(d) Also on 30 March 1981, an explosive device, placed on the railway line between the southern towns of Kiryat Gat and Beer Sheba, was discovered and dismantled without causing injury. Once again, the PLO took responsibility for this attempted outrage a day later in a broadcast on its radio in Lebanon.

These criminal acts, whether successful or not, are those of a group of international terrorists and not, by any stretch of the imagination, those of an organization claiming to be a "national liberation movement".

Taken together, they demonstrate yet again the need and duty of the Government of Israel to continue 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 33 on the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

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