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Letter dated 6 May 1981 from the Permanent Representative of Israel  
to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Further to my letter of 10 April 1981 (A/36/186-S/14438), I wish to draw your attention to three more attempts by PLO terrorists on the lives of civilians in Jerusalem.

On 13 April 1981, a bomb exploded at a bus stop on Bethlehem Road in Jerusalem without causing damage or injury. The PLO immediately took responsibility for this attempt at indiscriminate terror in a broadcast on its radio in Lebanon.

On 24 April 1981, an explosive device went off outside the municipal building in Jerusalem and seriously injured an Arab passerby. Reuters from Damascus reported later in the day that one of the groups belonging to the PLO had bragged of its responsibility for this outrage.

On 1 May 1981, a bomb was discovered in a café in the centre of Jerusalem. A police sapper was injured while trying to defuse it and as a result he had to have a hand amputated. Once again, the PLO boasted of its responsibility for this criminal act in a broadcast on its radio in Lebanon.

As I have repeatedly pointed out in previous letters, the mindless murder and attempts at murder of innocent civilians have been characteristic of the PLO since its inception. Curiously, a terrorist organization of this kind is euphemistically referred to at the United Nations as a "national liberation movement" and is even granted irregular privileges in violation of the United Nations Charter and of the rules of procedure of its various organs.

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

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