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Letter dated 4 January 1978 from the Permanent Representative
of Sri Lanka to the United Nations addressed to the
Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of a communiqué issued by the Co-ordinating Bureau of Non-Aligned Countries concerning the assassination of Mr. Said Hamami, Representative of the Palestine Liberation Organization in London.

I should be grateful if you would kindly have the communiqué circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under the items entitled "Question of Palestine" and "The situation in the Middle East", and of the Security Council.

(Signed) H. S. AMERASINGHE
Permanent Representative
Chairman of the Co-ordinating Bureau
of Non-Aligned Countries

ANNEX

Communiqué issued on 4 January 1978 by the Co-ordinating Bureau
of Non-Aligned Countries concerning the assassination of
Mr. Said Hamami, Representative of the Palestine Liberation
Organization in London

The Co-ordinating Bureau of Non-Aligned Countries heard today with profound sorrow and indignation the news of the assassination in London of Mr. Said Hamami, the Representative of the Palestine Liberation Organization in the United Kingdom.

The Co-ordinating Bureau vehemently condemns this dastardly outrage as an act that threatens all efforts to bring about a peaceful, honourable and enduring settlement of the Middle East problem which would include the granting of their legitimate rights to the Arab people of Palestine.

The Co-ordinating Bureau calls upon the Government of the United Kingdom, on whose territory the crime was committed, and on all those opposed to terrorist activities of this type directed against representatives of genuine liberation movements, to use their utmost endeavours to ensure that justice is swiftly meted out to all those responsible for the organization and perpetration of this foul murder.

The Co-ordinating Bureau must assure the international community that atrocities of this nature will, far from weakening support for the Palestinian cause, further strengthen the resolve of the friends of the Palestinian Arabs to intensify their efforts to secure the attainment of their legitimate national rights against all forces that are marshalled to frustrate this objective.

The Co-ordinating Bureau extends to the Palestine Liberation Organization and to the bereaved family of the late Mr. Hamami its sincere condolences at the death of a valiant fighter for the rights of his people.
