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LETTER DATED 22 APRIL 1976 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES, a.i., OF THE  
PERMANENT MISSION OF THE LIBYAN ARAB REPUBLIC TO THE UNITED NATIONS  
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Upon instructions from my Government, I would be grateful if Your Excellency would arrange for the circulation as a document of the Security Council, the enclosed text of the letter addressed to Your Excellency on 20 April 1976 by the Acting Permanent Observer of the Palestine Liberation Organization to the United Nations.

(Signed) Ibrahim S. DHARAT  
Chargé d'affaires, a.i.

Annex

Letter dated 20 April 1976 from the Acting Permanent Observer  
of the Palestine Liberation Organization to the United Nations  
addressed to the President of the Security Council

Upon instructions from the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization, I have the honour to call to your attention and to the attention of the other distinguished members of the Security Council the following.

On 17 April, Zionist demonstrators, carrying guns and guitars, and with the protection of the Israeli army, initiated a march through the occupied West Bank in order to demonstrate their support of the Israeli Government's policy of territorial expansion and establishment of Jewish settlements.

The march sparked counterdemonstrations of protest on the part of the Palestinian inhabitants of the area and, in the course of the inevitable clashes between them and Zionist troops, a number of Palestinians were brutally murdered by Israeli troops and many more were wounded.

In reaction to these killings, to the Zionists' march through the West Bank, and in protest against Zionist settlement and land seizure, there were huge demonstrations in Nablus and other towns in the occupied West Bank and a violent confrontation between the Palestinian populace and the Zionist forces of occupation.

Given the underlying tensions in the area, the march by this group of Zionists can only be viewed as deliberate provocation; it is a calculated measure to reinforce the oppressiveness of the occupation in order to force the Palestinian people to abandon their homes.

I am instructed to request that the Council assume its responsibility and take immediate measures to ensure that such oppressive policies are terminated, by terminating, once and for all, the illegal occupation.

(Signed) Zehdi Labib TERZI  
Acting Permanent Observer  
to the United Nations

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