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LETTER DATED 3 MAY 1976 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF EGYPT TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT
OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I am writing to you concerning the latest developments on the West Bank and Gaza Strip, which are a pitiful result of the continuation of Israeli occupation as well as an outright affirmation of the Palestinian people's refusal of the Israeli terrorist practices. This, in turn, was reflected in popular uprisings on the part of the whole Palestinian people. By these uprisings, the Palestinian people have given expression to their categoric refusal of the continued Israeli occupation, as well as their firm determination to end Israeli terrorist practices and occupation.

There is no doubt but that Israeli persistence in her aggressive expansionist policy in the occupied territories through the establishment of settlements at the expense of the legitimate owners; or through Israel's changes of the demographic composition of the occupied territories and her blatant outrages against the holy places and shrines, which are considered sacred to both Moslems and Christians, all this has resulted in the flare-up of the feelings of the Palestinian people and added to their determination to continue to resist Israeli aggression.

The Israeli authorities' resort to a violent terrorist campaign which took the lives of many innocent civilians and which resulted in the arrests, beatings and persecutions of thousands of unarmed civilians, including women and children, has accelerated the deterioration of an already grave situation in the area. Whereas all the foregoing constitutes a flagrant defiance to the international conscience and a contradiction to the principles and resolutions of the United Nations, as well as an obvious violation of the Geneva Conventions and of human rights and a direct threat to the peace efforts in the Middle East, and whereas Israel should bear the responsibility for putting obstacles on the way to the realization of a just and lasting peace in the Middle East, I therefore, upon instructions from my Government, request an urgent meeting of the Security Council to consider the continued deterioration of the situation as a result of the above-mentioned Israeli practices and with the participation of the Palestine Liberation Organization in the debate.

(Signed) Dr. A. Esmat ABDEL MEGUID
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