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THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Letter dated 30 July 1981 from the Permanent Representative of
Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I wish to draw your urgent attention to yet another atrocity perpetrated by the terrorist PLO against civilians in Israel.

Yesterday, 29 July 1981, at about 2100 hours (local time), a passenger bus was ambushed by PLO terrorists on its way from Jerusalem to Kibbutz Ma'ale Hahamisha. In this attack, four passengers were wounded. Among them, a young woman in her seventh month of pregnancy was critically injured and, as a result, lost her infant.

Within hours of the perpetration of this outrage, the terrorist PLO, in a statement issued in Damascus, bragged of its responsibility for it.

This unconscionable act serves as yet another reminder of the true character of the terrorist PLO, which is bent on the indiscriminate murder of civilians in Israel and elsewhere. Its acts, whether successful or not, are those of a group of international criminals which masquerades at the United Nations under the banner of a national liberation movement.

I have the honour to request that this letter be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under item 33 of the provisional agenda.

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