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Letter dated 28 August 1981 from the Permanent Representative of  
Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Further to my letter to you of 17 August 1981 (A/36/437-S/14631), I should like to draw your attention to some of the latest outrages perpetrated by the PLO against civilians in Israel with the intention of causing loss of life and limb and damage to property.

On Sunday, 23 August 1981, at 2300 hours (local time), a young German tourist was shot in the head and wounded while walking in the Old City of Jerusalem. He later died of his wounds.

On the morning of 24 August, a commuter at the busy Ra'anana intersection was injured by the explosion of a terrorist bomb. Broadcasting from its radio station in Lebanon, the PLO immediately bragged of its responsibility for this atrocity.

Also on the morning of 24 August, an explosive device was discovered at a hitch-hiking post on French Hill in Jerusalem. Mercifully, the device was safely dismantled. In a broadcast on its radio in Lebanon, the PLO hastened to claim responsibility for planting the device.

As I noted in my letter to you of 27 October 1980, (A/35/568-S/14237), hitch-hiking is a widespread practice in Israel. Thus, since a large number of people are vulnerable to such attacks, the PLO has aimed many of its atrocities at civilian hitch-hikers in Israel.

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, and of the Security Council.

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