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Letter dated 14 September 1981 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to draw your attention to a number of attempts made again at the United Mations in recent weeks to inject the Arab-Israel conflict into various discussions and debates having no bearing on, or relevance to, that conflict.

The most recent examples of this type of flagrant political twisting and manipulation of specific subjects under consideration by various organs of the United Nations were the statement made in the Security Council by the Permanent Observer of the League of Arab States at the 2299th meeting of the Council on 31 August 1981, as well as statements made by him and by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic, Jordan, Iraq, Kuwait and Bahrain in the course of the eighth emergency special session of the General Assembly.

As is well known, Arab States and their propagandists are gripped with an obsession regarding Israel and consequently allow no opportunity to pass without injecting into it totally extraneous and irrelevant issues. In complete disregard of the subject that happens to be under consideration, they invariably seek to exploit the United Nations organs and the business on their agenda for their own narrow, partisan purposes.

Behind the attempts to drag Israel's name into every possible discussion, however unrelated to the Arab-Israel conflict, is the perverse refusal of Arab States to reconcile themselves to the existence of Israel and to its right to exist. At the same time, such attempts also reflect the lack of sensitivity of Arab propagandists to other issues facing the international community.

Casting aspersions on Israel and indulging in irrational and irrelevant statements cannot, and is not intended to contribute to the settlement of any international issue, including the Arab-Israel conflict.

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Such behaviour must therefore be viewed as yet another manifestation of the obsession with Israel exhibited by Arab States and propagandists over the past decades, which has brought so much misery and suffering to the peoples of the Middle East.

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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