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Letter dated 20 January 1975 from the Permanent Representative of Israel
to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions of my Government and further to my letter addressed to you on 16 January 1975 (A/10037-S/11600), I have the honour to draw your attention to yet another attack by Arab murder agents on an El Al Israel Airlines airplane at the Paris Orly Airport, which is the second such attack in one week.

This time, according to news reports, the terrorists opened fire at the El Al airliner as it was about to take off and then fired and threw hand grenades at innocent people in the air terminal, wounding a large number of them. The Arab gunmen took hostage 10 bystanders, including a woman and her four-year-old son, and held them captive for over 18 hours.

I wish to emphasize that these acts of terror constitute a continuous and grave danger to international civil aviation and that the PLO, despite its recent hypocritical disclaimers, bears the responsibility for such outrages in view of the fact that it is the umbrella organization of all the Arab terror groupings and continues to preach and organize acts of murder and violence directed against defenceless civilians.

The international community must put an end to these savage criminal acts that are being committed in the name of the so-called "Palestinian struggle", to which the automatic majority of the General Assembly, in an act of infamy, lent its support.

I have the honour to request that this letter be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 109, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Yosef TEKOAH
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to the United Nations