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

I wish to draw your urgent attention to some of the latest outrages perpetrated by the terrorist PLO against Israel citizens.

On the morning of 26 November 1981, an explosive device blew up in a kiosk in the Geula residential neighbourhood in Jerusalem. Nails attached to the device were scattered as lethal projectiles in every direction. Mercifully, no one was injured by the explosion.

Also on 26 November 1981, another device exploded in a paint store in the centre of Jerusalem. As a result of the blast, the store was set on fire and one of the employees was injured.

Immediately following these explosions, the terrorist PLO, broadcasting from its radio station in Lebanon, bragged of its responsibility for these despicable acts.

In this connexion, I would also like to bring to your attention further PLO attempts to perpetrate atrocities against Israel citizens.

On 13 November 1981, an explosive device was discovered on a crowded passenger bus travelling through the Elah Valley near the town of Beit Shemesh. The device was safely detonated by a police sapper. Mercifully, no one was injured.

On 27 October 1981, a live hand-grenade was discovered by schoolchildren on public school grounds in the Patt residential neighbourhood in Jerusalem. Providentially, the grenade was neutralized by a police sapper and no injuries occurred.

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On 17 October 1981, a hand-grenade was hurled at a group of passers-by near the Zion gate in the Old City of Jerusalem. The explosion injured a woman and her two young daughters.

As is its wont, the PLO boasted of its responsibility for these criminal acts on its radio station broadcasting from Lebanon.

PLO acts of terror of this kind serve as further reminders, if such are still needed, of the true nature and objectives of that murder organization. It is a group of international criminals bent on the indiscriminate murder of civilians while at the same time masquerading under the guise of a "national liberation movement". This masquerading is of course facilitated by the fact that at the United Nations the terrorist PLO has been granted irregular rights in clear violation of the Charter of the United Nations and of the rules of procedure of the various organs.

I have the honour to request that this letter be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 33, and of the Security Council.

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