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Letter dated 19 January 1982 from the Permanent Representative of  
Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On a number of occasions in the past, I have drawn attention to atrocities by the terrorist PLO against Jews and Jewish establishments. These outrages include, for example, the savage grenade attack by the PLO on Jewish school children in Antwerp on 27 July 1980, causing the death of one child and wounding 17 other children and adults [my letter of 29 July 1980 (A/35/357-S/14081)], and the submachine-gun attack by the PLO on a crowd of worshippers gathered at a synagogue in Vienna on 29 August 1981 for the Sabbath morning service, in the course of which two people were killed and 19 others were wounded [my letters of 31 August 1981 (A/36/468 and S/14670)].

In keeping with its vicious anti-Semitic outlook and with the long series of anti-Semitic outrages perpetrated by it, the PLO, on Friday evening, 15 January 1982, bombed a Jewish-owned restaurant frequented by Jewish patrons in West Berlin. The ensuing explosion killed a fourteen-month-old infant girl and wounded 24 other people. The following day, Reuters reported from Beirut that one of the constituent groups operating under the PLO umbrella boasted of its responsibility for this criminal act.

These ugly incidents demonstrate the true character of the terrorist PLO. Under the guise of "national liberation" and of conducting an "armed struggle against the Zionist entity", the PLO not only aims at the destruction of a Member State of the United Nations but is also embarked on a ruthless campaign against Jews and Jewish institutions everywhere.

I have the honour to request that this letter be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under the item entitled "The situation in the Middle East", and of the Security Council.

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to the United Nations