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ISRAEL TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF
THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I wish to draw your urgent attention to the latest outrages by the terrorist PLO operating from Lebanese territory against civilians in Israel.

On 9 May 1982, a bomb exploded in a crowded passenger bus in Jerusalem, injuring two small children and a woman.

On the same day, an explosive charge went off on the premises of a vocational high school in Ashkelon.

These terrorist attacks in which innocent children and civilians are deliberately selected as targets by the terrorist PLO, are by no means isolated ones. The following instances are only part of the ongoing series of atrocities attempted or perpetrated by this murder organization against Israelis, Jews and non-Jews alike, in Israel and elsewhere.

On 7 May 1982, several mines were planted inside Israel on the main road in the Har Dov region by PLO terrorist infiltrating from South Lebanon.

On 4 May 1982, an explosive device was planted at the crowded central bus station in Hadera. In the same week, a mine was planted at the Be'eri elementary school in Beersheba. In all these cases the explosive charges were detected and safely detonated by Israel security forces.

On 7 April 1982, a grenade was thrown into the Greek Orthodox Church of Jacob's Well in Nablus, during a peak visiting hour for pilgrims. One nun was seriously wounded and a local resident sustained injuries.

These terror acts constitute only a small sample of those in the long list of atrocities perpetrated by the PLO, since the agreement between the Governments of Israel and Lebanon on a cessation of hostilities was reached through the good offices of the United States Government envoy Mr. Philip Habib, last July. Since that date, the toll of dead and wounded at the hands of the terrorist PLO in Israel

and elsewhere has steadily mounted. It now stands at seventeen dead and two hundred and forty wounded in a total of one hundred and thirty-three terrorist acts - all of them originating from PLO terrorist bases inside Lebanon.

In these circumstances the Government of Israel considers itself duty-bound to take all necessary measures to protect the lives and safety of its citizens.

I have the honour to request that this letter be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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to the United Nations
