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LETTER DATED 31 MARCH 1982 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I.
OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF ISRAEL TO THE UNITED NATIONS
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I wish to draw your urgent attention to some of the latest outrages perpetrated by the terrorist PLO against Israelis and Jews both in Israel and abroad.

Today, three PLO terrorists raked with machine-gun fire from a passing car in central Paris an Israel Embassy building which houses the Israel Trade Mission. When the attack took place, the area was crowded with strollers, but providentially, no one was injured.

Yesterday, 30 March 1982, a hand grenade was hurled by PLO terrorists at the crowded intersection of Ben Yehuda and King George Streets in downtown Jerusalem. The explosion damaged shops and parked cars, but mercifully, no one was injured by the blast. The PLO, according to the Lebanese News Agency, immediately boasted of its responsibility for this atrocity.

During the night of 28 March 1982, two high-powered explosions were set off outside Jewish owned stores in downtown Rome. No one was injured. Another bomb placed next to the Rome office of El Al Israel Airlines was dismantled before it exploded.

At about 0800 hours (local time), on 24 March 1982, a band of PLO terrorists was intercepted and captured in the vicinity of Kibbutz Hanita in the Western Galilee. The military equipment in their possession included Soviet-made Kalachnikov rifles, ammunition and explosives.

These atrocities provide further evidence of the barbarity of the PLO and of its true aims and objectives. Only yesterday, Yasser Arafat, according to a PLO radio broadcast, spelled out these aims. He called on all the inhabitants of "the Galilee, Haifa, Jaffa and Ashkelon" to continue fighting in order "to restructure the map of the region". Also yesterday, Farouk Kaddoumi, one of Arafat's leading henchmen, at a meeting of Arab Foreign Ministers in Tunis, called on all Arab countries to open their borders and allow their territory to be used as bases for carrying out terrorist acts against Israel. Kaddoumi also called on the Arab

States to abandon the so-called "political path" in favour of the "armed struggle" (Reuters of 30 March 1982).

The PLO radio, broadcasting on the same day from Lebanon, succinctly summed up these intentions:

"This day is a day of blood and vengeance in all the conquered territories in Palestine - in the Negev and in the 'triangle' and in the Galilee. Our revolutionary brothers, this is a day of the liquidation of Zion and the crushing of all Zionists without distinction".

The PLO is bent not only on the indiscriminate murder of Israel civilians, but also on the wanton killings of Jews everywhere. Non-Jews who happen to be in, near or passing by the premises of Israel institutions and Jewish companies are also favorite targets of the terrorists. (For example, the PLO attack on Jewish worshippers and non-Jews at a synagogue in Vienna on 29 August 1981 (see the letters of the Permanent Representative of Israel dated 31 August 1981 (A/36/468 and S/14670); the PLO attack on the offices of the Israel shipping companies Zim and Shoham, in the port of Limassol, Cyprus (see the letter of the Permanent Representative of Israel to the Secretary-General dated 2 October 1981 (A/36/574-S/14714))).

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

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