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Letter dated 2 April 1982 from the Permanent Representative of Belgium
to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to draw your attention to the following statement made by the Heads of State and Government of the 10 member States of the European Community at a meeting of the European Council in Brussels on 29 and 30 March 1982.

"The European Council discussed developments in the Middle East.

"Deeply concerned by the grave events taking place in the West Bank, the European Council appealed urgently for an end to the dangerous cycle of violence and repression. It particularly denounced measures imposed on the Palestinian population, such as the dismissal of democratically elected mayors by Israeli authorities, as well as the violation of the liberties and rights of the inhabitants of these territories, which followed the measures taken by Israel with regard to the Golan Heights, and which could only damage the prospects for peace.

"Concerned at the continuing clashes in the Lebanon, the European Council urged all the parties involved to renounce the use of force and to assure conditions for the respect of the full sovereignty and territorial integrity of the country.

"It furthermore reaffirmed the wish of the Ten, expressed on many occasions, to contribute to the achievement of a just and lasting peace in the Middle East.

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"The participation of four Member States of the European Community in the multinational forces and observers in Sinai was a positive contribution in the context of the forthcoming completion, on 25 April, of the Israeli withdrawal from Sinai."

I request you to have this letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under item 34 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

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