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THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Letter dated 12 April 1982 from the Permanent Representative of
Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to draw Your Excellency's urgent attention to the following:

On the night between 9 and 10 April 1982, two PLO terrorists infiltrated from Jordanian territory into the Jordan Valley, north of Argaman. Having been detected by a patrol of the Israel Defence Forces, the two terrorists were pursued and captured by the patrol. In their possession were found exceptionally large quantities of arms and various explosives. These included two Soviet-made Kalashnikov assault rifles, 18 Soviet-made hand grenades, as well as large quantities of explosives and detonators.

The two terrorists stated that they were members of Yasser Arafat's Fatah, which is the major constituent group operating under the PLO umbrella.

It will be recalled that a similar pattern was followed by the terrorist PLO on previous occasions (see my letter to you of 2 February 1982) (A/37/79-S/14856).

This act once again testifies to the criminal character of the terrorist PLO, which is bent on the deliberate and indiscriminate murder of civilians, irrespective of nationality and creed.

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I have the honour to request that this letter be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under item 34 of the preliminary list.

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