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THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Letter dated 25 May 1982 from the Permanent Representative of Israel
to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Further to my letter of 10 May 1982 (A/37/223), I wish to draw to your attention yet another series of PLO terrorist outrages directed against civilians in Israel.

On 17 May 1982, an explosive charge went off at a bus stop on a busy road in Jerusalem. Fortunately, no one was injured.

On 14 May 1982, an exceptionally large time-bomb weighing seven pounds was discovered in a telephone booth on Jaffa Road in the heart of the Jerusalem city centre, during peak Friday rush hour traffic. The timely discovery of the charge, one of the largest to be planted by the terrorist PLO in recent times, prevented what might have been a heavy toll of dead and injured. Police and army sappers defused the bomb only 17 minutes before it was set to explode.

On 13 May 1982, an explosive device went off at a hitchhiking post in Beit Govrin. There were no casualties but the facility was damaged.

On 9 May 1982, an explosive charge planted outside a children's nursery school in Dimona went off. At the time of the explosion the nursery was full of children. Providentially, no one was hurt.

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The Government of Israel views these terrorist acts with the utmost seriousness and will hold the instigators, perpetrators and abettors of these crimes responsible and answerable for their actions.

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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to the United Nations
