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Identical letters dated 13 February 2019 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

I am writing to express our utter shock and grief due to the brutal murder of Ori Ansbacher, a 19-year-old Israeli woman, last Thursday in Jerusalem by a Palestinian terrorist.

Ori was someone who shared her light – like her name, “Or”, in Hebrew – with every being she met and knew. For the past year, Ori had volunteered at a nature therapy centre for at-risk youth in Ein Yael, located in south-western Jerusalem. It was by this therapy centre that Arafat Irfaia, a 29-year-old Palestinian from Hebron, committed his heinous assault and murder of Ori.

Irfaia, in the past, had expressed his interest in buying a knife and using it to murder innocent Israelis. He said that he wanted to become a martyr or a prisoner. His hatred resulted in Ori’s brutal murder. Irfaia was not born a terrorist. He is a product of the Palestinian culture of hate, sustained by decades of inflammatory rhetoric of its leaders. Palestinian students are taught that the Jewish connection to our ancestral homeland is a lie, regardless of continued Jewish history in the Land of Israel. They are educated to see Judaism as a twisted and corrupted religion and learn to dehumanize Jews and deny our identity as a people and our right to self-determination.

Under the Palestinian Authority, where Irfaia was raised, Palestinians who sell land to Jews face capital punishment. Streets, schools and town squares are named after terrorists with Jewish blood on their hands. Glorified terrorists earn salaries for killing Jews – the deadlier the crime, the heftier the payment. The Palestinian Authority spends nearly 7 per cent of its annual budget on terrorist salaries, providing an enticing incentive for terrorists like Irfaia to participate. Mahmoud Abbas himself praised these terrorists as heroes from the podium of the General Assembly last September.

I call upon the Security Council to condemn this sickening act of terror immediately, unequivocally and in the firmest manner. It is the duty of the Council to put an urgent stop to all Palestinian incitement efforts.

I also call upon all contributing United Nations Member States to ensure that donations made to the Palestinian Authority are not used to incentivize violence and promote incitement to terror. If the Palestinians actually seek peace, they will surely end their grotesque glorification of terror and dehumanization of the Jewish people.



I should be grateful if you would have the present letter distributed as a document of the Security Council.

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