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Letter dated 10 April 1979 from the Permanent Representative of
Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions from my Government, I wish to draw your urgent attention to a terrorist outrage perpetrated today, 10 April 1979, by the so-called PLO in the city of Tel-Aviv. At about 1210 hours local time, an explosive device went off at the Carmel open air market, which was teeming at the time with Passover shoppers. As a result of the explosion, one woman shopper was killed and 28 persons were injured, 5 of them seriously. A few hours later, in a broadcast over the radio station operated by it in Lebanon, the terrorist PLO announced its responsibility for this cowardly crime.

This latest terrorist atrocity comes in the wake of a number of criminal activities perpetrated by the terrorist PLO during the past week.

On Thursday, 5 April, at 1530 hours local time, a bomb exploded at a bus stop on Salah A-Din Street in Jerusalem, one of the main commercial thoroughfares of the city, injuring 13 persons, including 3 children. In a broadcast on 6 April from Lebanon over its radio station, the terrorist PLO admitted its responsibility for this crime.

On Friday, 6 April, at 2315 hours local time, the interior of a Jerusalem restaurant was wrecked by a bomb, injuring 16 persons, including 8 women. In a broadcast of 7 April by the terrorist-operated "Voice of Palestine" from Lebanon, the criminal PLO took responsibility for this outrage.

On the morning of Sunday, 8 April, a rocket launcher aimed at downtown Jerusalem with a katyusha rocket mounted on it was discovered on a hill in south-east Jerusalem. The rocket, first spotted by an alert passerby, was dismantled by police sappers about 15 minutes before a timing device was to have launched it, thus

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providentially foiling the completion of another terrorist outrage and what might have been a major catastrophe.

Since the beginning of 1979, the criminal activities of the PLO have resulted in the deaths of 7 persons and the injury of 169, all the casualties being civilians.

All these criminal activities reflect the barbaric pattern regularly followed by the terrorist PLO throughout its existence. It is the work of international criminals of the worst kind, bent on the indiscriminate murder of civilians, while masquerading under the banner of a national liberation movement. These criminal acts are also designed to give violent expression to the implacable opposition of the terrorist PLO and of other opponents of peace, both in the Arab world and beyond, to any step forward in the direction of peace and reconciliation. In their attempts to undermine the ongoing peace process in the Middle East, most recently manifested by the signing of the Egyptian-Israeli Peace Treaty on 26 March 1979, the opponents of peace use as their instrument the terrorist PLO which has been granted irregular privileges at the United Nations, in clear violation of the Charter of the United Nations and of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly and other organs of the Organization.

Given the violent aims of the criminal PLO, the Government of Israel is duty-bound, as I have indicated in previous letters, to take all measures necessary to protect the lives and safety of its citizens.

I have the honour to request that this letter be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 25 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

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