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Letter dated 23 May 1979 from the Permanent Representative of Israel  
to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I wish to draw your urgent attention to a terrorist outrage perpetrated in the town of Petah Tikvah this morning by the terrorist organization known as the PLO.

At 1000 hours local time, an explosive device, placed on the roof of a bus shelter, went off and resulted in 17 casualties. These included three fatalities (a mother and her infant child, and another woman) and 14 persons injured, two seriously.

It should also be pointed out that, some hours earlier, terrorist bombs went off in Hebron without causing damage or casualties, and another bomb was dismantled in Jerusalem, providentially averting another atrocity.

According to Radio Monte Carlo, as well as the Reuters News Agency at Damascus, the terrorist PLO has already boasted of its responsibility for all these incidents.

As I pointed out in my letter of 22 April 1979 (A/34/207-S/13264), 19 children had been victims of PLO outrages since the beginning of this year, including two fatalities. Since that date, five children were injured on 29 April 1979, when an explosive device went off behind the bus station in Kfar Saba (see S/13312 and Corr.1, my letter of 9 May 1979); and two boys were killed in Tiberias on 14 May 1979, when an explosive charge, hidden in a rubbish bin, went off in a main thoroughfare in that town (see S/13320, my letter of the same date). And today, as indicated above, a baby fell victim to indiscriminate PLO terror.

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The United Nations has declared 1979 the International Year of the Child. The terrorist PLO has chosen its own murderous way to mark this year - with the slaughter and injury of innocent children. This is the work of international criminals of the worst kind, bent on the mass murder of civilians, while masquerading under the banner of a national liberation movement.

Their latest atrocity in Petah Tikvah this morning serves as a violent and unconscionable reminder of the PLO's continued commitment to indiscriminate terror against defenceless civilians in Israel and elsewhere.

The time has surely come for Members of the United Nations to recognize the implications and consequences flowing from any form of co-operation with the terrorist PLO both within and without the framework of the United Nations.

Meanwhile, given the true character of the criminal PLO and its violent aims, 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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to the United Nations

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