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Letter dated 13 September 1983 from the Permanent Representative of
Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

In my letters dated 25 May 1983 (A/38/253) and 29 June 1983 (A/38/288) and addressed to Your Excellency, I protested the transparent attempt by the Special Committee against Apartheid to vilify Israel by organizing an "International Conference on the Alliance between South Africa and Israel", thus mendaciously postulating the existence of such an "alliance".

The Conference in question, which has since been held at Vienna between 11 and 13 July 1983, has predictably been turned into yet another manifestation of the anti-Israel campaign waged in and through the United Nations by Israel's enemies and their supporters.

In my letter dated 26 August 1983 and addressed to Your Excellency (A/38/367 and Corr.1), I had occasion to point out that "in recent years the United Nations has been converted by Israel's enemies and their supporters into an instrument of

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their relentless warfare against my country. In the process, not only an inordinate amount of the deliberations of the various organs of the United Nations have been devoted to the systematic defamation of Israel, but also virtually all the organs of the Organization have been abused by the Arab States and their supporters in their ever-increasing warfare against Israel".

In the same letter, I also pointed out that "it would certainly be absurd to expect Israel to participate in the funding of these vicious anti-Israel activities".

Accordingly, I wish to inform Your Excellency that the Government of Israel has decided to withhold from its contributions to the United Nations, in addition to the amounts referred to in my letter (A/38/367 and Corr.1), also the appropriate amount relative to the expenses incurred by the holding of the anti-Israel conference at Vienna last July, and proportionate to Israel's share within the overall contributions of Member States to the Organization.

I have the honour to request that this letter be circulated as a document of the General Assembly under items 32, 34, 87, 109 and 135 of the provisional agenda.

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