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Letter dated 6 January 1974 from the Acting Permanent Representative
of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions of my Government and further to my letter addressed to you on 14 December 1973 (A/9457-S/11158) regarding Syrian violations of the cease-fire, I have the honour to draw your attention to additional grave Syrian violations of the cease-fire which took place between 15 December 1973 and 5 January 1974 inclusive.

These violations included six attempts to cross the cease-fire line and to advance positions; four cases of small-arms fire; three cases of tank fire; three cases of anti-tank fire, including two cases of firing anti-tank missiles; one case of mortar shelling; and 13 cases of artillery fire.

Detailed complaints in respect of all these Syrian violations and attacks on Israeli forces have been lodged with the United Nations observers headquarters.

The gravity of these attacks, which are causing casualties, prove once again that these are not isolated local incidents, which may occur in situations of this kind, but that there exists a deliberate policy of the Syrian authorities with the object of creating an atmosphere of military confrontation, attacking Israeli forces and attempting to effect changes in the cease-fire line in favour of Syria.

Reports by the United Nations observers headquarters to the Security Council reflect this situation on the cease-fire line between Israel and Syria.

I have the honour to request that this letter be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly and the Security Council.

(Signed) Jacob DORON
Acting Permanent Representative of Israel
to the United Nations

