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the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the
Secretary-General

Upon instruction from my Government, I have the honour to draw your attention to the following act committed by Israel, in violation of the Agreement of Disengagement between Israeli and Syrian Forces signed in Geneva on 31 May 1974 (S/11302/Add.1):

On 22 August 1974, at approximately 0920 hours local time, an Israeli patrol, taking position at approximately MR 2239-2967, opened fire towards Syrian farmers irrigating their lands in the buffer zone of the same area.

The head of the Syrian party to the Mixed Armistice Commission presented on 29 August 1974, to the Commander of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force a complaint concerning the aforementioned violation and placed a strong protest, requesting necessary measures to be taken to stop the repetition of such violations.

These continued violations by Israel of the spirit and text of the Disengagement Agreement - violations which I exposed in my former letters of 30 July and 5 August (A/9567-S/11395, A/9568-S/11396 and A/9571-S/11414) - once again illustrate in the most clear terms the negative and careless attitude taken by it consistently with regard to all international commitments and obligations, even to those agreements where Israel is a signatory.

Undoubtedly, Israel's persistence in committing such acts is mainly contributing to the rising atmosphere of tension in the area, which I have previously pointed out in my letter of 13 August (A/9671-S/11443).

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I should be grateful if the text of this letter is circulated as an official document of the General Assembly and the Security Council.

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