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Letter dated 12 February 1974 from the Permanent Representative
of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to
the Secretary-General

Pursuant to my previous letters which have been circulated as documents A/9272-S/11067, A/9301-S/11094, A/9327-S/11119 and A/9343-S/11132, and upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to bring to your attention the following:

1. Since Israel accepted on 23 October 1973 Security Council resolutions 338 (1973) and 339 (1973) on the cease-fire, it has never stopped its continued violations of these resolutions, such as what happened on 25 and 26 October, and the period which followed after the cease-fire went into effect, when a number of Israeli helicopters landed on Mount Hermon and disembarked military units for the purpose of occupying or establishing new positions. Such violations were affirmed by the United Nations observers themselves.

2. The report of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization in Palestine (UNTSO) confirms that Israel has violated the Security Council cease-fire over 80 times, in addition to hundreds of daily intermittent provocative artillery fire, and continuation of Israeli violations of the Syrian air space beyond the positions of the cease-fire on the Syrian side. The Syrian delegation to the Mixed Armistice Commission in Damascus submitted the relevant complaints at the time.

3. That was a strong proof of the Israeli intention to gripe on the land in order to consolidate and strengthen its occupation of the Arab territory.

4. Regarding the Israeli violations which are stated in the UNTSO report, the Syrian troops were forced to turn back to the Israeli provocations and aggression and to prevent military activities which are aimed at fortifying and strengthening the positions of the Israeli

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occupation troops are contrary to Security Council resolution 338 (1973) which stipulates cease-fire and cessation of all military activities.

5. Israel's baseless allegations against Syria are intended to cover its flagrant violations of the Security Council resolutions on the cease-fire and its expansionist policy which will certainly lead to a large-scale military confrontation.

I shall be grateful if this letter is circulated as a document of the General Assembly and the Security Council.

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Arab Republic to the United Nations
