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Letter dated 29 October 1973 from the Permanent Representative of Israel  
to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions of my Government, I draw your urgent attention to the following violations of the cease-fire by Egypt:

On 28 October 1973 at 0800 hours local time Egyptian forces opened tank, artillery and small arms fire in the southern sector of the Suez Canal at km 152. A few minutes later Egyptian forces in the same area launched an infantry attack against Israeli forces.

On 28 October 1973 at 1100 hours local time Egyptian forces fired ground-to-air missiles across the cease-fire line.

On 29 October 1973 at 0100 hours local time Egyptian helicopters crossed the cease-fire line in the northern part of the Gulf of Suez. Three helicopters were shot down.

These acts of hostility constitute flagrant violations of Security Council resolutions 338 (1973) of 22 October 1973, 339 (1973) of 23 October 1973 and 340 (1973) of 25 October 1973.

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

(Signed) Yosef TEKOAH  
Permanent Representative of Israel  
to the United Nations