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Letter dated 15 March 1974 from the Permanent Representative
of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the
Secretary-General

On instructions of my Government I have the honour to refer to my letter of 11 March 1974 (A/9497-S/11232) which drew attention to the continuation of Syrian acts of aggression. These armed attacks, in flagrant violation of the cease-fire, have not ceased.

On 12, 13 and 14 March the Syrian forces pursued their assaults resulting in casualties. Appropriate complaints have been lodged with the United Nations observers headquarters.

In the last three days, following my letter mentioned above, the Syrian armed forces have perpetrated eight heavy artillery attacks. They opened artillery fire in 22 instances, carried out one anti-tank missile attack and opened small arms fire in one case.

It is evident that these, grave violations of the cease-fire are premeditated and reflect Syria's continuing policy of aggression. The repetition of sterile propaganda falsehoods, such as those contained in the letter addressed to you by the Permanent Representative of Syria on 14 March 1974 (A/9498-S/11234) and already refuted in the past, cannot divert attention from Syria's responsibility, which is by now a matter of common knowledge, for initiating and maintaining the present situation of military tension.

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

(Signed) Yosef TEKOAH
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