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Letter dated 9 April 1974 from the Permanent Representative
of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed
to the Secretary-General

With reference to the letter which I addressed to you on 21 February 1974 (A/9495-S/11227), in which I communicated to you the text of the complaint dated 16 January 1974 submitted to the International Committee of the Red Cross by the Permanent Mission of the Syrian Arab Republic at Geneva, and likewise with reference to the reply of the Permanent Representative of Israel, dated 27 March 1974 (A/9503-S/11242), in which you were informed that the International Committee of the Red Cross had not transmitted to Israel the above-mentioned complaint, which caused the Permanent Representative of Israel to say that the Syrian complaint had not been considered sufficiently important by that Committee to justify transmitting it to the Israeli authorities, I have the honour, on instructions from my Government, to inform you that the International Committee of the Red Cross has transmitted to the Israeli representative the text of the above-mentioned complaint.

The International Committee of the Red Cross has informed the Permanent Mission of the Syrian Arab Republic that the complaint in question was not transmitted immediately after it was lodged because of an error on the part of the distribution section of the International Committee of the Red Cross. The Committee has submitted its apologies to the Permanent Mission of the Syrian Arab Republic at Geneva.

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

(Signed) Haissam KELANI
Ambassador, Permanent Representative
of the Syrian Arab Republic
to the United Nations

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