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Letter dated 26 November 1973 from the Permanent Representative
of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to
the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform Your Excellency of the following recent Israeli violations of the cease-fire and acts directed at officers on duty with the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization in Palestine (UNTSO):

1. On 20 November 1973, Israeli tanks shelled Syrian positions in the Beit-Jin sector.
2. On 21 November 1973, at 1455 hours local time, Israeli forces fired several mortar shells against Syrian positions in the Beit-Jin farm sector.
3. On 22 November 1973, at 1110 hours local time, Israeli forces fired two artillery shells in the direction of the Chairman of the Israeli-Syrian Mixed Armistice Commission (ISMAC), Colonel Svenson, who was at the time accompanied by the Chairman of the Syrian delegation to ISMAC. This incident took place while the party was looking for a place to establish a United Nations observation post west of the village of Maghar El-Mir. One of the artillery shells landed approximately 100 metres from the party. This was the third time that personnel from UNTSO were exposed to Israeli fire while performing their duty, and this has happened despite the fact that UNTSO officers use cars that carry the United Nations flag and the United Nations emblem, which are clearly visible.

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

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