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Letter dated 3 May 1974 from the Permanent Representative of Israel  
to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions of my Government and further to my previous letters regarding Syria's persistent campaign of aggression along the cease-fire line, I wish to inform you that Syria has continued its armed attacks in the period from 28 April to 2 May 1974 inclusive.

During this period, the Syrian forces have perpetrated 61 artillery attacks, two incursions across the cease-fire line accompanied by attacks on Israeli forces; two attacks by Syrian aircraft against Israeli forces, two assaults with missiles and one case of tank fire.

These Syrian attacks have resulted in casualties. In face of this grave Syrian aggression, which has continued for almost two months, the Israel Defence Forces have been constrained, as in the past, to take appropriate action in order to repel the Syrian attacks and ensure the integrity of the cease-fire line.

Syria's aggression is constantly reflected in reports by United Nations military observers.

While carrying on this deliberate and systematic policy of aggression, Syria's leaders speak publicly and repeatedly of their intention to wage war against Israel and to undermine the cease-fire established by the Security Council and accepted by Syria in October 1973.

In the light of the above facts, it is evident that the letters addressed to you by the Permanent Representative of Syria are futile attempts to divert attention from Syria's responsibility for the gravity of the situation and for the suffering inflicted on its own population.

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Today, 3 May 1974, at the time of writing, Syrian attacks are continuing.

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

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