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Letter dated 14 May 1974 from the Acting Permanent Representative of
Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions of my Government and further to previous letters addressed to you by this Mission concerning 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 of 8-13 May 1974 inclusive.

During this brief period the Syrian forces have perpetrated 108 artillery attacks, including attacks on civilian localities; one aerial attack; two cases of launching Katyusha rockets and one case of tank fire.

Detailed complaints in respect of all these Syrian attacks, some of which have caused casualties, have been submitted to the headquarters of the United Nations military observers.

The reports of the United Nations military observers reflect the increase in the Syrian acts of aggression, including hits close to the United Nations observation posts.

The persistent Syrian aggression, which by now has gone on unintermittently for more than two months, is clearly the result of the declared policy of the Syrian Government to maintain continuous warfare on the cease-fire line, in gross and systematic violation of the cease-fire resolutions of the United Nations Security Council. In fact, the Syrian leaders openly admit that this is their intention. The Syrian Army even publishes daily war communiqués which stress the Syrian initiative in the opening of fire.

I wish to emphasize that Syria continues, and even escalates, its attacks, also in these very days when an intensive diplomatic effort is being conducted in order to bring about an agreement on the disengagement of forces between Syria and Israel.

Today, 14 May 1974, Syrian attacks are also continuing.

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

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