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Letter dated 21 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 regarding persistent Syrian attacks along the cease-fire line, I have the honour to draw your attention to additional grave Syrian violations and attacks, which took place between 14 and 20 May 1974 inclusive.

Among these deliberate violations and attacks, including 96 cases of artillery fire, which have resulted in casualties, were attacks on civilian localities. Detailed complaints in respect of all these Syrian violations and attacks have been lodged with the United Nations observers headquarters, and its reports reflect, as in the past, an increase in Syrian attacks, including artillery hits close to the United Nations observations posts.

The continuation of this persistent and daily Syrian aggression, carried out in accordance with the calculated and declared policy of the Syrian authorities, compels the Israel Defence Forces to take appropriate measures in order to repel these attacks.

In these circumstances, I have to point out once more that, contrary to the false and baseless allegations and protestations contained in the letters addressed to you by the Syrian Permanent Representative, Syria alone is responsible for the grave situation, including the sufferings of its own population, resulting from its continuous aggression and from its constant violations of the cease-fire decided upon by the Security Council.

It should also be pointed out again that Syrian violations and attacks are continuing even as an intensive diplomatic effort to achieve agreement on the separation of forces between Syria and Israel is taking place.

Today, 21 May 1974, at the time of writing, Syrian artillery attacks are going on.

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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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