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Letter dated 26 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 21 and 25 May 1974 inclusive.

Among these deliberate violations and attacks, including 80 cases of artillery fire, which have resulted in casualties, were attacks on civilian localities. This aggression on civilian localities included on 25 May 1974 an artillery attack on the Druze village of Harfa in which three of its inhabitants were killed and three more were wounded.

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 these Syrian attacks.

The fact that the Syrian aggression continues and at times increases even as an intensive diplomatic effort to achieve agreement on the separation of forces between Syria and Israel is taking place, must be emphasized and strongly denounced.

This agression is carried out in accordance with the calculated and declared policy of the Syrian Government and compels the Israel Defence Forces to take appropriate measures in order to repel these attacks.

Today, 26 May 1974, at the time of writing, Syrian artillery attacks are going on.

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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to the United Nations