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AND ON THE STRENGTHENING OF THE ROLE OF THE ORGANIZATIONLetter dated 27 September 1983 from the Permanent Representative of
Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I wish to refer to United Nations press releases GA/PAL/196 and GA/PAL/197 of 8 September 1983, stating that the PLO was placed among the "full participants" of the recent "International Conference on the Question of Palestine", held at Geneva from 29 August to 7 September 1983, and was also elected to various bodies of the said conference.

Israel's position with regard to the conference in question is well known, has been stated on numerous occasions and requires no repetition. I am writing to Your Excellency now to point out that the numerous irregularities that accompanied the preparations for, and the holding of, the said event were further compounded by the decision to place the PLO at the conference on an equal footing with participants representing States. The decision to admit a group not representing any State, a group which in addition is also a notorious terrorist organization, as a full participant in an international conference held under the auspices of the United Nations is not only a violation of international legality, of the Charter of the United Nations and of well-established international practice, but also an insult to international decency and to the memory of the thousands of victims of the terrorist organization in question: Jews, Arabs and others alike.

In adopting the decision in question, the said conference has thus further eroded the prestige and standing of the United Nations.

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I have the honour to request that this letter be circulated as a document of the General Assembly under agenda items 34 and 134.

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