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LETTER DATED 8 APRIL 1970 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE  
OF ISRAEL TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On instructions of my Government I have the honour to refer to the statement issued by the Iraqi Ministry for Foreign Affairs on 16 March 1970 and circulated with the letter addressed to you on 3 April 1970 by the Acting Permanent Representative of Iraq (S/9735).

It is not the first time that an Arab Government has thought fit to exploit the genuine preoccupation with the grave problems still extant in Africa such as the emergence of the illegal Salisbury régime - a preoccupation which my Government fully shares - as a tool for furthering Arab belligerency against Israel. On numerous occasions, in the Security Council, in the General Assembly, and in some of its Committees, as well as in other organs of the United Nations, Arab States have tried to turn deliberations on problems of southern Africa into sterile propaganda exercises against the national rights of the Jewish people in their homeland.

It is obvious that a comparison between the restoration by the Jewish people of their sovereignty in Israel after a struggle of two thousand years to liquidate the consequences of foreign conquests of their land, and the illegal racist régime in Southern Rhodesia is an insidious distortion. The white inhabitants of Zimbabwe have no other connexion with the land except colonialist settlement. Zimbabwe's history is eloquent proof of the genius of the African people of that country and has no relation to the racist minority which now rules it. In Israel, every hill and valley are witness to the irrevocable bonds between the people and the land of Israel. Just as transient white rule could not change Zimbabwe's history and character, the Arab conquest of the country, like other imperialist conquests which preceded and followed it, cannot erase the oneness of the Jewish people and their ancestral homeland.

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It is particularly reprehensible that a Government such as that of Iraq should interject itself into discussions on the Rights of Man and Freedom of Nations. Iraq's attitude to human rights and freedoms is being demonstrated continuously by the imprisonment, torture, and barbaric hangings of innocent Jews in Baghdad's squares, by the persecution of religious minorities such as the Shia'ates, by the incarceration and mass executions of political opponents of the régime. Iraq's blood-stained hands can only tarnish the cause of Zimbabwe and other peoples struggling for their rights and freedom.

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

Please accept, etc.

(Signed) Yosef TEKOA  
Permanent Representative of Israel  
to the United Nations

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