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LETTER DATED 27 FEBRUARY 1970 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF  
ISRAEL TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions of my Government, I have the honour to refer to the letter addressed to you on 20 February 1970 by the Permanent Representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (S/9657) recording a communique issued by the Soviet News Agency Tass on 16 February 1970.

That communique repeats the well known language of Soviet identification with the belligerence of the Arab States against Israel pursued in violation of the United Nations Charter. It extols Arab aggression and vilifies Israel in defending itself. It disparages Israel's policy aiming at the conclusion of peace agreements with the Arab Governments and exalts Soviet support for the Arab war of attrition and for rejecting the cease-fire as a policy "directed towards the restoration of peace".

This inversion of elementary truths and callous glorification of Arab aggression evidently seeks further to encourage the bellicose intransigence of the Arab Governments. This, indeed, has been the object of Soviet policy and actions in the Middle East throughout recent years.

This policy was one of the main factors that led to the hostilities of June 1967. Since then, Soviet political and military assistance to Arab warfare against Israel has gravely undermined the prospects of peace in the Middle East. This has now been demonstrated once more by Soviet opposition to the re-establishment of the cease-fire, and by the reception in Moscow of the leader of the principal Arab terror organization dedicated to the murder of innocent Israeli civilians and the destruction of the State of Israel.

As long as the Soviet Union persists in its present policy of unbridled succour for Arab belligerence against Israel, any attempts, whether within the

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Security Council or in other frameworks, to regard the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics as a partner in peace-making efforts must be considered as fruitless and even dangerous.

I have the honour to request circulation of this letter as a document of the Security Council.

Please accept, etc.

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

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