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Letter dated 13 May 1976 from the Permanent Representative  
of the Libyan Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed  
to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to refer to the letter dated 12 May 1976 addressed to the President of the Security Council by Rabbi Uri Blau for the Jerusalem Neturei Karta concerning the closing of ritual slaughter-houses in Jerusalem by Zionist officials, and the violation thereby of Orthodox Jewish rights. Upon the instructions of my Government, I would like to request that the above-mentioned letter be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 26 of the preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the thirty-first session, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Mansur R. KIKHIA  
Permanent Representative

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Letter dated 12 May 1976 from Rabbi Uri Blau for the Jerusalem  
Neturei Karta to the President of the Security Council

We hereby submit to Your Excellency the following memorandum and appeal:

Today, 12 May 1976, the Jerusalem Department of Beautification, a division of the Jerusalem Municipality, and the local police issued an ultimatum to the residents of Meah Shearim, in Jerusalem, to close down the ritual slaughter-house in Meah Shearim by Friday, 14 May.

This department has already closed the ritual slaughter-house in Machne Yehuda. The closing of these slaughter-houses is an act against the religious freedom and conscience of the residents of Jerusalem. Thousands of men, women and children will be cut off from their only available source of meat.

The municipality through its Department of Beautification allows, permits and sanctions the houses of pornography, licentiousness and worse, to defile and debase the Holy City of Jerusalem. Archaeological diggings are turning the holy places into tourist attractions. Yet at the same time they deny the orthodox pioneer settlers of the Holy City the right to have their meat slaughtered ritually under the personal supervision of their own rabbis.

We underscore that this is not a health issue as these facilities conform to all sanitary requirements.

As citizens of Jerusalem, who have never accepted the annexation of the Holy City into the State of Israel, and in view of the Friday ultimatum, we implore Your Excellency to use your good offices as President of the Security Council of the United Nations to deter the Zionist authorities from implementing this cruel scheme to deprive a Jewish community of its elementary human rights which they have enjoyed for hundreds of years, and which certainly antedate the establishment of the Israeli State in the Holy Land.

(Signed) Rabbi Uri BLAU  
for Jerusalem Neturei Karta

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