and that the countries in which they now live would also be better off, given the prevailing circumstances, if the departure of those who would wish to leave could be sanctioned and arranged, since their continued presence is a source of both internal and international tension."<sup>36</sup>

36 Ibid., Twenty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 1A, para. 74.

As long as the Syrian Government does not heed this exhortation, Israel will pursue its efforts to free the Jews of Syria from oppression.

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

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

## **DOCUMENT S/10725\***

## Letter dated 28 June 1972 from the representative of Egypt to the Secretary-General

[Original: English] [29 June 1972]

Since the creation of Israel 24 years ago, the Israeli and Zionist leaders have followed an established policy designed to attain its expansionist and colonial aims. They even launched this policy before Israel came into existence. It was part and parcel of their plans to crack down on the civilian population in the area—first in Palestine and later in the whole of the Middle East. The aims were to spread terror and fear, thus compelling the civilian population to leave in order to make room for alien immigrants to settle in the land rightfully owned by the Arab people.

The Israeli terror warfare was ruthlessly waged against the innocent civilian population by the Zionist gangs—Haganah, Stern, and Irgun Zwei Leomi. This terror warfare resulted in massacres such as Deir Yassin where hundreds of families, including old men and children, were completely annihilated.

After its creation, the same terrorist policy was continued by the so-called "Israel Defence Army". This policy resulted in many massacres. The villages of Qibya, Sammu and Nahhalin in Jordan, the city of Gaza in Palestine, among others witnessed the Israeli massacres of dozens of civilian persons by the aforementioned army. The villages and towns of Yalu, Beit Nuba, Emmas and Halhoul were totally destroyed. Many other cities and towns were partly destroyed. All these crimes were committed in recent years. The attacks on schools and factories (Bahr El Bakar and Abu Zaabal in Egypt) are another evidence of Israel's terror warfare. And all that was done, as the Zionist propaganda machine used to utter, in the name of Israel's peace and security.

On 26 June 1972, Israel's acting Prime Minister Yigal Allon, while admitting the Israeli bombing of

the Lebanese village of Hasbaiya, has tried in vain to lessen the world-wide anger over the indiscriminate attacks and wanton aggression launched by Israel's so-called "Defence Army". He produced the pretext that "a technical error was responsible" for the Israeli attack last week on the Lebanese village in which several dozens of civilians were killed or injured. The comments that followed this statement within the Israeli Government circles centred not on criticizing the criminal attack on and massacre of civilians, but on the public admission of it.

This throws more light on Israel's way of thinking and acting in the Middle East. No pretexts, falsifications or justifications can now hide the true face of Israel: ruthlessness and lawlessness, war crimes and crimes against humanity coupled with boisterous noises for "peace and tranquillity in the area", hypocritically and sinisterly voiced by their representative to the United Nations and through other tools of the Zionist propaganda machine. Indeed, no efforts to deny the deliberate aggression and the avowed policy of Israel to frighten the Arab civilian population can nullify the criminal intentions of the Israeli leaders.

Finally, neither hypocrisy nor criminal acts will succeed in silencing the voices of resistance against the usurping policies and practices of Israel or in intimidating the world to accept the faits accomplis that Israel attempts to create.

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to request that this letter be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly and the Security Council.

(Signed) A. Esmat ABDEL MEGUID Permanent Representative of Egypt to the United Nations

## **DOCUMENT S/10726\***

Letter dated 29 June 1972 from the representative of Jordan to the Secretary-General

[Original: English] [29 June 1972]

Further to my letter of 14 April 1972 [S/10598] pertaining to Israel's forcible deportation of Arab inhabitants from territories under its occupation, I

have the honour to bring to your attention further waves of deportation.

In the latter part of May 1972 the following eight persons from the occupied west bank of Jordan and from the Gaza strip were forcibly expelled and deported

<sup>\*</sup> Also circulated as a General Assembly document under the symbol A/8736,

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