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Letter dated 18 August 1972 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 10 August 1972 by the Permanent Representative of Jordan (A/8755-S/10760).

The Jordanian letter complains of the work of reconstruction pursued by the Israel authorities in the Jewish Quarter of eastern Jerusalem. The Quarter was captured by the Jordanian army in 1948 in the course of Jordan's aggression against Israel in defiance of the United Nations. It was systematically destroyed and its entire Jewish population uprooted and exiled. Thirty-nine synagogues and institutes of learning were razed to the ground. During 19 years of Jordanian occupation no Jew was permitted to set foot in the Jewish Quarter. These grim facts have been repeatedly brought to the attention of the Security Council and more particularly in my letters of 16 March 1971 (A/8300, S/10158), 1 March 1971 (A/8289, S/10138) and 6 March 1968 (A/7064 and Add.1, S/8439 and Add.1).

It is the height of arrogance for the State that has ravaged Jerusalem to use United Nations facilities in order to vent again its opposition to the revival and restoration of the city.

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

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