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Letter dated 8 September 1972 from the Permanent Representative of
Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions of my Government I wish to bring again to your attention and to the attention of States Members of the United Nations the campaign of barbarous atrocities and savage bloodshed pursued by Arab terror organizations against the people of Israel. This campaign, which has included such dastardly acts as the detonation of explosive charges in crowded public places, the ambushing of a school bus and the cold-blooded slaughter of the children travelling in it, the blowing up of planes in flight and the massacre of passengers at an air terminal, has reached new depths of inhumanity in the murder of 11 Israeli sportsmen carried out on 5 September 1972 at the Olympic Games in Munich.

The entire civilized world has strongly condemned this new outrage and its perpetrators.

The Arab States, and in particular Egypt, Lebanon, Syria and Libya, have initiated the establishment of the terror organizations and remain responsible for employing murder and hijacking as a method of warfare against Israel as well as for the political, organizational, financial and operational support they continue to extend to the Arab terror organizations. The media of information of Egypt, Syria and other Arab States are giving praise to the Munich outrage as Egypt's Prime Minister Aziz Sidky had done in the case of the Lod carnage on 30 May 1972.

The Government of Egypt has recently called for the intensification of Arab terror warfare and the radio stations of the terror organizations operate from Egypt and Syria while their headquarters, bases and institutions are located in Lebanon, Syria, Egypt and Libya. The intelligence services of the Arab States, and in particular those of Egypt, maintain close ties with the terror organizations and assist them in their criminal activities.

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It is to be observed that despite requests addressed to it by the Federal Republic of Germany, the Egyptian Government refused to co-operate in any steps that might have averted the Munich outrage.

The Arab policy of terror and murder is a grave threat to the general desire in the world to seek solutions of problems through negotiation and coexistence. The acts of bloodshed and atrocity committed in the pursuance of this policy seriously undermine international life. It is incumbent on the family of nations, which has already raised its voice against the act of savagery at Munich, to take fundamental and unfaltering action to eliminate this plague. The principal way to attain this is by exerting influence on Arab Governments which back and assist the terror organizations to terminate this policy and to stop the operations of the murder organizations.

In any event, Israel insists that the Arab States put an end to the activities of the terror organizations by immediately terminating the support given them and by taking effective measures to prevent the existence and operations of terror organizations in and from the territory of those States.

As long as terror activities continue with the aid of Arab Governments, Israel will take all the necessary measures to defend itself and the lives of its people.

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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to the United Nations

