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LETTER DATED 14 SEPTEMBER 1972 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF
THE SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE
PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to refer to my letter dated 8 September 1972
(A/8785-S/10781) and to draw your attention to the following:

After the Israeli aggression against Syria and Lebanon on
8 and 9 September 1972 the Security Council, which supported by 13 votes an
interim resolution for immediate cessation of military operations in the region,
was prevented from taking any action as a result of the negative vote of the
United States of America.

In my statement to the Security Council on 10 September, I mentioned that
the failure of the Council in discharging its responsibilities by adopting a
resolution condemning Israel and compelling it to bring to a halt its military
operations against Syria constituted an open invitation for the Israelis to
continue their military aggressions against a peaceful population. The United
States veto has offered the Israelis carte blanche to commit more crimes against
the Syrian Arab Republic. This attitude, in other words, condones more bloodshed
and killing of innocent people, thus threatening international peace and security.

I am forced to these conclusions in the light of the recent Israeli attacks
and threatening statements issued by the Deputy Prime Minister and Israeli
military spokesmen. The information media have reflected lately an obvious
determination of Israel to continue pursuing her aggressive expansionist policy.
I illustrate this point by referring to a statement made by the Israeli Prime
Minister on 12 September, proclaiming openly that Israel would strike whenever it
wanted to.

These threats reveal in unequivocal terms the true aggressive intentions of
Israel, in manifest disregard of the General Assembly and Security Council
resolutions and the United Nations Charter, thus endangering world peace and
security.

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I must underline the clear responsibility of the Security Council to bear its obligations for the maintenance of peace and security, and to compel Israel to bring to a halt its aggression and refrain from launching any new attacks against the Syrian Arab Republic in the future.

Upon instructions from my Government, I request that this letter be circulated as an official document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Haissam KELANI
Ambassador
Permanent Representative
