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ISRAEL TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE
SECURITY COUNCIL

I wish to draw Your Excellency's urgent attention to a terrorist outrage against Israel's civilian population perpetrated today, 6 December 1983.

At noon, local time, a bomb exploded on a civilian passenger bus in Jerusalem crowded mostly with women who had been doing their day's shopping. The explosion occurred while the bus was travelling along Herzl Boulevard - one of the city's main traffic arteries - and at an hour of peak activity on that thoroughfare. As a result of that horrendous explosion, 4 passengers, 2 of them teen-aged schoolgirls, were killed and 43, including 10 schoolchildren, were injured. Ten of the injured are in critical condition.

The barbarity of the crime is evident, also in the fact that the bomb consisted of nails calculated to inflict maximum loss of life and limb. Furthermore, damage was caused to the vicinity, including another bus nearby.

Following the explosion, PLO terrorists, from their office in Nicosia, Cyprus, claimed responsibility for this atrocity (Reuters, 6 December 1983). This heinous and cowardly crime, aimed primarily at women and children, was no doubt intended to divert attention from the bloody fighting between the PLO rival terror gangs. Thus, even while ravaging their own murderous organization, the ruthless and savage nature of these terror groups has, once again, been demonstrated by their barbarous attack upon innocent civilians in Israel.

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

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to the United Nations

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