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LETTER DATED 2 APRIL 1984 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE  
PERMANENT MISSION OF ISRAEL TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO  
THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I wish to draw Your Excellency's urgent attention to another in a series of terrorist atrocities against Israel's civilian population, perpetrated today, 2 April 1984.

At 10.05 a.m. local time, three terrorists entered a clothing store located at the busy downtown junction of two main thoroughfares in Jerusalem's commercial district at the intersection of Jaffa Road and King George Street. They emerged from the store firing weapons and throwing hand-grenades at civilian passers-by.

In the ensuing bloodshed, 48 civilians were wounded, one seriously and four moderately. Eight foreign tourists were among the casualties.

Arms abandoned at the scene of the terrorist attack were later found to be of East European manufacture.

Of the three terrorist attackers, one was fatally injured in the attack and the two other terrorists were captured by Israel security forces.

The timing and location of this murderous attack was designed to cause the maximum number of civilian casualties, including women and elderly people.

In the wake of this dastardly terrorist attack the PLO terrorist faction calling itself the "Democratic Front" claimed responsibility. As is well known, this faction is a constituent member of the PLO terrorist organization. In its statement, issued in Damascus, the Democratic Front falsely claimed that an attack had been carried out on the Israel Ministry of Tourism, Commerce and Industry in Jerusalem, taking all the Ministry personnel hostage. Later, this terrorist act was claimed by another group, that of the notorious Abu Nidal.

Once again, a PLO terrorist attack on innocent men and women, including the elderly, has provided proof of the character and ultimate goals of the PLO terrorists of all factions, namely, the cold-blooded and deliberate murder of innocent civilians.

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

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