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Letter dated 17 August 1984 from the Permanent Representative of Israel
to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I wish to bring to Your Excellency's urgent attention yet another crime - perpetrated by the terrorist PLO against civilians in Israel - which was intended to cause indiscriminate murder and havoc.

On 15 August 1984, at approximately 9.15 a.m. local time, an explosive device, concealed in an automobile, was discovered in a heavily crowded section of downtown Jerusalem teeming with civilians. Had the bomb exploded, considerable damage to human life and property would have been the result. It was only through last-minute civilian alertness that this major catastrophe was providentially averted when police sappers were able to neutralize the booby-trapped car minutes before it was set to go off.

The barbarity of this crime is also evident from the type of bomb that was discovered. It consisted of 12 demolition slabs packed in 11 rolls of T.N.T. and surrounded by nails calculated to inflict maximum loss of life and limb.

On 16 August 1984 Abu Musa, of the "Abu Musa faction" of PLO, claimed responsibility for the planting of the car bomb. This bragging of responsibility for an attempt to commit a crime of such severity serves as further proof, if such is still needed, of the criminal character of the terrorist PLO as a whole, irrespective of which of its "wings" is involved in a particular atrocity. Outrages of this kind, whether successful or not, aimed deliberately and indiscriminately at innocent civilians, must surely disabuse of any illusions all those who may still be entertaining them with regard to the true nature of the terrorist PLO.

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I have the honour to request that this letter be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under item 36 of the provisional agenda and of the Security Council.

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