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### **Identical letters dated 29 November 2011 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council**

I write yet again to draw your attention to the escalation of rocket fire emanating from the Gaza Strip, which continued over the weekend.

On 25 November 2011, a rocket was fired from Gaza that exploded in the immediate vicinity of Kibbutz Nachal Oz. The next day, another rocket was fired into the area around Kibbutz Nirim. Daily life on these agricultural cooperatives remains paralysed by the rain of rockets. Over the past two months, terrorists in Gaza have launched more than 70 rockets and mortars into the major cities, towns and communities of southern Israel, deliberately targeting civilians in attack after attack.

Yet, today — as the United Nations commemorates the “International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People” — in many corners of the United Nations, we still hear no solidarity with the 1 million civilians in southern Israel who live under this constant spectre of terror. The Security Council and the international community have a duty to condemn these attacks unequivocally — and to act with a common purpose against the continuous terrorism emanating from the Gaza Strip.

These attacks represent a flagrant violation of international law. Israel holds the Hamas terrorist organization fully responsible for all attacks emanating from Gaza, where it remains in de facto control. Israel has exercised and will continue to exercise its right to self-defence, as appropriate, and will take all necessary measures to protect its citizens.

As the rockets continue to rain down from Gaza, we still hear silence echoing from President Abbas’s compound in Ramallah. Instead of clearly condemning terrorism, he continues to move closer into his embrace of the Hamas terrorist organization. Today Hamas demonstrates its clear refusal to accept the basic Quartet principles: recognize Israel, recognize previous Palestinian agreements and renounce violence. In regard to these basic requirements, the international community can make no adjustments.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter distributed as a document of the Security Council.

*(Signed)* Ron **Prosor**  
Ambassador  
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