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Letter dated 26 April 1984 from the Permanent Representative of  
Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to refer to Your Excellency's letter of 9 March 1984 regarding resolution 38/58 C, adopted by the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session on 13 December 1983, on the question of the convening of an "international peace conference on the Middle East".

Israel's position on this matter was clearly reflected in its vote against General Assembly resolution 38/58 C. As stated in Israel's explanation of vote before the vote (A/38/PV.95, p. 47), the said resolution was

"not the General Assembly's first attempt to undermine Security Council resolution 242 (1967) by setting guidelines that are incompatible with and contrary to that resolution. These guidelines would actually eliminate the carefully balanced meaning and intent of resolution 242 (1967). In fact, resolution 242 (1967) is, very significantly, not even mentioned at all in the draft resolution. The intent is clear. The sponsors of the draft resolution seek to eradicate the only viable resolution which has already proved its constructive value as the sole agreed-upon basis for a peaceful settlement of the Arab-Israel conflict. Without a doubt, in keeping with the predetermined and biased course defined by the present draft resolution, the proposed conference would harm the chances for peace".

Moreover, General Assembly resolution 38/58 C also subsumes the decisions and recommendations of the "International Conference on the Question of Palestine" held at Geneva in August-September 1983. Initiated and sponsored by the Palestine Committee, which is itself an instrument of the terrorist PLO within the General

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Assembly, that conference was dominated by the automatic majority against Israel within the United Nations and was the progenitor of the idea of the "peace conference" proposed in resolution 38/58 C. It also served as a forum for the dissemination of anti-Israel propaganda.

In the light of these facts, and of the consistency of Israel's position in this regard, Israel will not be a party to any conference dedicated to such purposes and objectives.

I wish to reiterate on this occasion Israel's position that the sole path to a peaceful settlement in the Middle East is that of direct negotiations, based on Security Council resolution 242 (1967) - which has already proven effective in bringing about the Camp David Accords and, through them, the Israel-Egypt Treaty of Peace of 26 March 1979. General Assembly resolution 38/58 C is contrary both to the Camp David Accords and to Security Council resolution 242 (1967) on which they are based. Any serious attempt to advance the cause of peace in the Middle East - as distinct from the hollow propaganda exercise exemplified in resolution 38/58 C - must be initiated through direct negotiations based on Security Council resolution 242 (1967).

I have the honour to request that this letter be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 36 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

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