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Letter dated 23 July 1985 from the Acting Permanent Representative  
of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I wish to bring to your attention the latest PLO attempt to murder civilians in Israel.

On the morning of 19 July 1985, a young Arab man from Hebron, apparently a new PLO recruit, stabbed five children between the ages of 8 and 10 and their day-camp counsellor as they were on their way to a swimming pool in Jerusalem.

According to Israeli police, the PLO claimed responsibility for this outrageous act by saying that it was part of an "entrance examination" that new recruits undergo before being officially inducted into the PLO.

It is indeed not surprising that murder and attempted murder of innocent civilians (in this case children) are among the tests that new PLO members must pass before becoming full-fledged members of that terrorist organization.

The established pattern of deliberate and systematic murder of the innocent by the PLO continues.

I have the honour to request that this letter be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 38 of the provisional agenda, and of the Security Council.

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