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THE UNDERLYING CAUSES OF THOSE FORMS OF TERRORISM

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Letter dated 13 November 1979 from the Permanent Representative of
Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I wish to draw your attention to yet another attempt at indiscriminate murder perpetrated in the town of Dimona in the Negev on 12 November 1979 by the terrorist PLO.

In the course of the morning, an explosive charge went off near the local post office. Eleven bystanders were injured.

As is its wont, the PLO, through its radio station in Lebanon, bragged of its responsibility for this act of terrorist violence.

This incident is but the latest in a series of criminal acts perpetrated by the PLO in Israel since my letter to you of 30 October 1979 (A/34/632-S/13593). As in the case of the above-mentioned incident in Dimona, PLO terrorists based in Lebanon have explicitly taken responsibility for most of these outrages:

(a) On 1 November 1979, an explosive charge went off near the entrance to the Central Bus Terminal in Tel-Aviv, killing one man. The PLO immediately boasted of its responsibility for this outrage, also through its news agency in Lebanon.

(b) In the evening of 2 November 1979, a sizable explosive device went off under the railway tracks near the Yarkon Bridge in Tel-Aviv. Minor damage was caused to the track and to an engine, but no one was injured. The PLO took responsibility for this incident through its radio in Baghdad and also on Radio Damascus.

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(c) Early in the morning of 7 November 1979, an explosive device went off, without causing damage or injury, at the market in the town of Kiryat Gat in the coastal plain south of Tel-Aviv. The PLO announced its responsibility for this act in a broadcast from Lebanon.

(d) On the morning of 9 November 1979, another explosive device went off in the market of Yahud, another small town on the coastal plain, not far from Tel-Aviv. Once again, no damage or casualties were caused. The PLO promptly took responsibility for this act through its news agency in Lebanon.

All these cowardly acts have one thing in common. They are aimed at the mass murder of innocent men, women and children in crowded public places, such as bus terminals, railways and open markets.

The senseless killing of civilians has been the barbaric aim of the terrorist PLO throughout its existence. Its designs, whether successful or not, are characteristic of a group of international criminals of the worst kind which masquerades under the banner of a national liberation movement.

Given the true character and aims of the terrorist PLO, the Government of Israel is duty-bound, as I have indicated in previous letters, to take all measures necessary to protect the lives and safety of its citizens.

I have the honour to request that this letter be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 25 and 112, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Yehuda Z. BLUM
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to the United Nations
