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Letter dated 9 October 1990 from the Permanent Representative of
Japan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of a statement issued on 9 October 1990 by a spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan on the disturbances in Israeli-occupied East Jerusalem (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would arrange to have this letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 35, and of the Security Council.

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ANNEX

Statement issued on 9 October 1990 by a spokesman of the
Ministry of Foreign Affairs on the disturbances in
Israeli-occupied East Jerusalem

The Government of Japan deeply deplores the killing of many Palestinians in the disturbances which occurred in Israeli-occupied East Jerusalem on the morning of 8 October, and strongly condemns the excessive use of force by the Israeli authorities.

Japan urges the Israeli authorities to exercise the utmost self-restraint and to accord the Palestinians in the occupied territories humane treatment as prescribed by international law. The Government of Japan hopes that this incident will not lead to a vicious circle of violence.

Japan reaffirms its basic position that the problem of peace in the Middle East should be solved through (1) Israel's withdrawal from all the territories it has occupied since 1967, (2) recognition of the right to self-determination of the Palestinian people, including the right to establish an independent State, and (3) recognition of Israel's right to exist; such a solution should be sought through negotiations among all the parties concerned, including the Palestine Liberation Organization, and, ultimately, through the holding of an international conference.
