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PERMANENT MISSION OF ISRAEL TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO
THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Further to the letter of the Permanent Representative of Israel to the Secretary-General dated 17 March 1982 (A/37/118-S/14910), I wish to draw your urgent attention to the intensified PLO campaign of political intimidation, assassination and attempts at assassination against Palestinian Arabs in Judea, Samaria and the Gaza District who have indicated their desire to live in peace with Israel.

Earlier today, Mr. Kamal Al-Fatafta, a prominent member of a village association in the Hebron area, was seriously wounded in an explosion when he opened the door of his car which had been booby-trapped by PLO terrorists.

It will be recalled that during the night of 12 March 1982, a barrage of bullets struck the home of Mr. Fahri Issah Ismail, another prominent member of a village association in the Ramallah area (see the letter of the Permanent Representative of Israel to the Secretary-General dated 17 March 1982 (A/37/118-S/14910)).

These terrorist acts are the latest in a long series of assassinations and attempted assassinations carried out by the PLO against leading Palestinian Arab personalities. The attacks by the PLO are part of a systematic campaign to intimidate those individuals who oppose terrorism and desire to co-operate and co-exist in peace with Israel.

Responsibility for these threats against the Arab leaders in Judea, Samaria and the Gaza District, must to a large extent be shared by Jordan. It will be recalled that the Prime Minister of Jordan, acting in his capacity as Martial Law Administrator, threatened to charge the inhabitants of Judea and Samaria with treason and inflict death penalties on them if they favour peace with Israel by participating in village associations (see the above-mentioned letter).

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The purpose and the pattern of these criminal acts and threats are clear. They are deliberately and cold-bloodedly aimed at frustrating as far as possible the ongoing peace process in the Middle East.

I have the honour to request that this letter be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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