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Identical letters dated 19 November 2015 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

Shortly before the Security Council convened this morning to discuss the situation in the Middle East, Israel woke up to yet another dawn of Palestinian terrorism. Five innocent people were murdered by Palestinian terrorists in two different attacks, only two and a half hours apart. In Tel Aviv, two civilians were murdered in cold blood on the way to synagogue for afternoon prayers. In the Etzion Bloc, three people, one of whom was a father of four, were shot to death, and four more were injured. These attacks mark the bloodiest day since the start of the current wave of terror against Israelis, which began two months ago.

Such horrendous acts of terror are a direct result of the malicious incitement and violent rhetoric coming from the Palestinian Authority and its institutions.

Since the start of this deadly campaign of terror, hundreds of innocent Israeli children, women and men have been brutally stabbed on the streets, intentionally run over while waiting for the bus and premeditatedly shot on the way to work. And still, the Security Council has not issued a condemnation against Palestinian terror. The Security Council must clearly and unequivocally state that terror is terror is terror. If the Council chooses to turn a blind eye and fails to condemn such attacks, it will legitimize terror and increase the chances of further attacks and more fatalities in the future.

The Security Council must condemn these horrific attacks against innocent civilians and call upon the Palestinian Authority to put an end to this culture of terror once and for all.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter distributed as a document of the Security Council.

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