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> Identical letters dated 15 November 2000 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

In follow-up to my previous letters to you, dated from 29 September to 9 November 2000 (A/55/432-S/2000/921; A/55/437-S/2000/930; A/55/450-S/2000/957; A/55/466-S/2000/971; A/55/474-S/2000/984; A/55/490-S/2000/993; A/ES-10/39-S/2000/1015; A/ES-10/40-S/2000/1025; A/ES-10/41-S/2000/1046; A/ES-10/42-S/2000/1068; A/ES-10/43-S/2000/1078), I must bring to your attention the fact that, since my last letter to you, Israeli occupying forces have killed 23 more Palestinian civilians, including children, in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem. This brings the total number of deaths to 194 Palestinians. (The names of the martyrs since my last letter are annexed.) During the same period, the excessive and indiscriminate use of force by the Israeli occupying forces, including the use of tanks and other heavy weaponry, has also caused a vast number of injuries and many of the injured are in serious condition.

Among the Palestinian civilians killed, at least one was killed as a result of a direct hit by a tank shell, and another was killed by a direct hit from a heavy machine gun. The two children killed on Monday, 13 November, in the Gaza Strip were killed in circumstances in which there were no demonstrations or stone-throwing taking place. Human rights organizations described the killing of the two children as another example of intentional killings in cold blood by Israeli soldiers.

The situation of siege of the Occupied Palestinian Territory also continues. The Israeli occupying forces have even intensified measures to ensure the total isolation of Palestinian cities throughout the Occupied Palestinian Territory, thus increasing difficulties for the Palestinian population.

The international community cannot allow this Israeli campaign of killing and terror against the Palestinian people to continue, and it must insist on the full implementation of Security Council resolution 1322 (2000) of 7 October 2000 and General Assembly resolution ES-10/7 of 20 October 2000 of the tenth emergency special session. Once again, we reiterate our call to the Council for the urgent establishment of a United Nations protection force to be dispatched to the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, for the purposes of providing much-needed protection for the Palestinian civilian population.

I should be grateful if you would arrange to distribute the text of this letter as a document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nasser Al-Kidwa Ambassador Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations

Annex to the identical letters dated 15 November 2000 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem (Friday, 10 November to Tuesday, 14 November 2000)

Friday, 10 November 2000

- 1. Mohammed Ali Mohammed Hamed
- 2. Osama Samir Jerjawy (17 years old)
- 3. Osama Hazem Azouka (14 years old)
- 4. Eyad Fawzi Al-Fahmawy
- 5. Raed Sa'adi Al-Mohtaseb

Saturday, 11 November 2000

- 1. Hani Abdullah Kassem Marzouk (died from wounds sustained on 10 November 2000)
- 2. Mohammed Yassin Al-Madhoun
- 3. Munzir Hamdi Yassin
- 4. Musa Al-Debs (15 years old)
- 5. Munib Mohammed Barakat Abu Monshar
- 6. Majid Hussein Radwan Al-Jaro
- 7. Osama Khalil Al-Bawab
- 8. Ayman Salah Wadi

Sunday, 12 November 2000

Mahmoud Nafez Abu Naji (17 years old)

Monday. 13 November 2000

- 1. Mohammed Nasser Al-Taweel (18 years old)
- 2. Yehia Naif Abu Shamallah (17 years old)
- 3. Ahmed Hassan Dahlan (died from wounds sustained on 11 November 2000)
- 4. Tawfeeq Al-Ja'bary

Tuesday, 14 November 2000

- 1. Saber Musa Barash (14 years old)
- 2. Raed Fahmi Shakfah
- 3. Mohammed Khater Al'Ajalah (13 years old)
- 4. Mustafa Mahmoud Alyan
- 5. Jamal Ibrahim Elwan