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**Letter dated 10 October 2000 from the Permanent Representative of France
to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General**

I have the honour to bring to your attention the statement issued on 2 October 2000 by the Presidency of the European Union on behalf of the European Union on the events on the Esplanade of the Mosques in Jerusalem (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 41, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Jean-David **Levitte**
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**Annex to the letter dated 10 October 2000 from the Permanent Representative
of France to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General**

[Original: English and French]

**Statement by the Presidency of the European Union on behalf of the
European Union on the events on the Esplanade of the Mosques in Jerusalem**

The European Union is deeply concerned at the serious events of yesterday and today on the Esplanade of the Mosques in Jerusalem. It roundly condemns the acts of provocation and violence committed as well as those perpetrated over the last few days in the Gaza Strip and on the West Bank.

In these tragic circumstances, the Union expresses its heartfelt sympathy to the victims and their families.

The Union calls on all sides to refrain from any form of provocation or action which might give rise to further confrontation.