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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 situation in Jerusalem and in the Territories (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 situation in Jerusalem and in the Territories**

The European Union is very concerned at the continued bloody clashes in Jerusalem and in the territories and is appalled by the number of victims.

These events show to what extent provocative action in a tense situation can have tragic consequences.

The European Union calls on the leaders of both parties to take all necessary measures to ensure that the violence ceases and that new provocative action is avoided.

It warns against the unjustified use of force.

It invites the parties involved to concentrate afresh on the negotiated search for peace, which is more necessary than ever.