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Letter dated 26 August 2002 from the Permanent Observer for Palestine to the United Nations Office at Geneva addressed to the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

Following our note to you dated 19 August 2002, please find herewith enclosed memorandums issued by the Palestinian National Authority on the Israeli daily aggressions against the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territories, for the period from Sunday 18 to Sunday 25 August 2002, all of which constitute violations of human rights and grave violations categorized according to international humanitarian law as war crimes and crimes against humanity, particularly the continued Israeli acts of deliberate killing, extrajudicial executions, house demolitions, besieging Palestinian towns, villages and camps, imposing collective punishments, severe restrictions on the movement of Palestinians and a suffocating curfew which obviously threatens the lives of thousands of Palestinian civilians, who are denied access to food, water, medicine and even to hospitals for getting urgent treatment, a definite humanitarian crisis.

I would be most grateful if you could have this note and its enclosure* distributed to the members of the Commission on Human Rights, as an official document of the fifty-ninth session of the Commission on Human Rights.

(Signed) Nabil RAMLAWI Ambassador Permanent Observer

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