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Letter dated 23 December 1983 from the Permanent Representative of Israel
to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to refer to Your Excellency's report of 21 December 1983 (S/16228), as well as to the letters from the Permanent Representative of France dated 17 December 1983 (S/16224) and the Permanent Representative of Greece dated 21 December 1983 (S/16230), all three concerning the recent departure of Yasser Arafat and his 4,000 terrorists from the city of Tripoli, Lebanon.

Israel's position on this matter was fully set out in the message from Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir to Your Excellency on 8 December 1983, transmitted in my letter to you of the same date (A/38/717-S/16209).

I now wish to stress once again that the United Nations and certain States have made it possible for Arafat and his terrorists to escape from Tripoli without even having sought or received any assurances that Arafat and his terrorists will abandon the path of terror. These developments must be viewed as a dangerous precedent by all those committed to combating international terrorism.

Any attempt, even by implication, to portray Israel's position in a manner that is at variance with the one restated in the present letter is thus inadmissible.

I have the honour to request that this letter be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under the item entitled "The situation in the Middle East", and of the Security Council.

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