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Letter dated 2 October 1985 from the Permanent Representative
of Luxembourg to the United Nations addressed to the
Secretary-General

On behalf of the 10 States members of the European Community, of which the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg is currently President, and also on behalf of Spain and Portugal, I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of a declaration adopted on 1 October in Luxembourg by the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Ten and of Spain and Portugal.

I should be grateful if you would arrange for the text of the declaration to be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 33 and 38, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) A. PHILIPPE
Permanent Representative of Luxembourg
to the United Nations

ANNEX

Declaration adopted in Luxembourg on 1 October 1985 by the
Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the member countries of
the European Community

The Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Ten and of Spain and Portugal, meeting in the context of European political co-operation, strongly condemn the bombing of PLO headquarters in Tunis by the Israeli air force, which is a violation of the sovereignty of a friendly, peaceful and moderate country and constitutes a new factor in the cycle of violence and counter-violence in the Middle East.

While also condemning the terrorist acts that have been committed against Israeli citizens, they take the view that such acts do not justify this action.

The Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Ten and of Spain and Portugal hope that this further escalation of the violence will not undermine the efforts that are under way aimed at bringing about a peaceful solution to the Israeli-Arab conflict.
