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THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST  
REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO  
INVESTIGATE ISRAELI PRACTICES  
AFFECTING THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF THE  
POPULATION OF THE OCCUPIED  
TERRITORIES

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Letter dated 3 April 1987 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i.  
of the Permanent Mission of the Syrian Arab Republic to  
the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The letter addressed to you by the representative of Israel, dated 31 March 1987 and circulated as document A/42/202-S/18771, is nothing more than a ploy, doomed to failure, which forms part of the campaign orchestrated by Israel to divert attention from the crimes it commits daily against the population of the occupied Arab territories. There are hardly enough words to describe the repression, the torture, the arrests, the expulsions, the destruction of dwellings, and the expropriation of Arab lands which Israel has carried out in the Arab territories it has occupied since 1967. These practices constitute a long horror story which all peoples and all countries of the world have condemned, and the lies and false allegations contained in the above-mentioned letter are too crude to be dignified with a response. In its letter dated 10 March 1987 (see A/42/173), the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Syrian Arab Republic informed you of the acts of repression and terror which the Israeli occupation authorities have committed against the civilian population of the occupied Syrian Arab Golan, which have increased in number in recent days, taking new innocent victims among the civilian population which resists the Israeli occupation and clings to its Syrian Arab identity by declaring its perpetual allegiance to its fatherland, Syria. The inhuman practices and the acts of terror which Israel has committed and which the United Nations and the Human Rights Commission have condemned cannot be hidden from the eyes of world public opinion by the specious allegations made by Israel.

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I take this opportunity to draw your attention to the arbitrary judgements pronounced recently by an Israeli military tribunal in the case of five Syrian nationals of the Golan, judgements which are reminiscent of the terrible punishment inflicted by the racist régime of Pretoria on the sons of the South African people and those inflicted by the Nazis on the resistance fighters in Europe during the Second World War.

I should be grateful if you would arrange for the text of this letter to be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under items 39 and 76 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Abdul Mou'men AL-ATASSI  
Minister Plenipotentiary  
Chargé d'affaires, a.i.

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