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THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES

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Letter dated 15 September 1987 from the Permanent Representative of
Denmark to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of the declaration concerning Israel's settlement policy, issued at Brussels on 14 September 1987 by the 12 member States of the European Community, of which Denmark is currently the President (see annex).

I would appreciate the circulation of the text of this letter and its annex as a document of the General Assembly, under items 38, 39 and 76 of the provisional agenda, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Ole BIERRING
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of Denmark
to the United Nations

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ANNEX

Declaration by the twelve member States of the European
Community concerning Israel's settlement policy, issued
at Brussels, on 14 September 1987

The Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Twelve member States of the European Community have noted with serious concern the continuing Israeli policy of establishing new settlements in the occupied territories, most recently at the Avnei Hefetz site on the West Bank.

They reiterate their strong conviction that progress towards a just, comprehensive and lasting peace in the region depends on the creation of a climate of confidence between the parties to the conflict. The Twelve believe that the opening of new settlements, as well as the disturbing increase of the number of settlers in existing settlements, pose a serious risk of jeopardizing the prospects for peace.

They consider that every new and every existing settlement is in violation of international law and call upon the Government of Israel to put an end to the illegal policy of settlements in the occupied territories.
