



## Security Council

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### **Identical letters dated 28 March 2019 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council**

The Hamas terrorist organization is orchestrating yet another violent round of what they misleadingly refer to as “peaceful protests” on the fence between Israel and Gaza this Saturday, marking the anniversary of the so-called “March of Return”.

There is nothing “peaceful” about these riots. Salaried Hamas terrorists shoot at Israeli patrols and place explosive devices along the fence. Violent rioters alongside them launch incendiary kites, balloons and even condoms over the fence, lighting thousands of acres of Israeli land on fire. Hamas snipers stand atop the last row of houses before the fence, supporting Hamas attempts to mobilize the crowds as human weapons to breach it.

On the official Facebook page of the organizers of these riots, a video clip<sup>1</sup> clearly depicts the riots’ violent nature, with rioters attempting to tear down the fence and infiltrate Israel, placing explosives and putting children at the centre of danger. Through this clear example of incitement by the rioters themselves, there can be no doubt that the upcoming riots will seek to fulfil the words of Yahya Sinwar, the leader of Hamas in Gaza: “We will take down the border and tear out their hearts from their bodies”.

Israel respects the right of all people to demonstrate peacefully, anytime and anywhere. As a free democracy, peaceful demonstrations are a normal part of our public sphere. But we will not tolerate any action that threatens our people, our sovereignty and our borders, whether it comes from terrorists, violent rioters or so-called “peaceful protesters”.

Hamas has cancelled school on 30 March so that children will be free to attend the riots. As always, Hamas will exploit these children as human shields and compensate the rioters and their families, should they suffer injuries. Hamas will pay \$200 for moderate injuries, \$500 for serious injuries and \$3,000 in the case of death. Instead of paying doctors to treat the wounded people it has placed intentionally in harm’s way, Hamas incentivizes the people of Gaza to join the riots, serve as human shields and get injured.

I call on the Security Council to condemn Hamas for its blatant and belligerent incitement, which jeopardizes both Israeli and Palestinian lives and threatens the stability and security of our region.

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<sup>1</sup> See [www.facebook.com/Palestine.Return2018/videos/427969061303944/](https://www.facebook.com/Palestine.Return2018/videos/427969061303944/).



I should be grateful if you would have this letter distributed as a document of the Security Council.

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