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Identical letters dated 20 June 2023 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

I write to you in regard to the horrific shooting attack perpetrated by Palestinian terrorists today, 20 June, in which four Israelis were murdered and another four were wounded at a gas station in the Binyamin region. I call on the Security Council to immediately condemn this terror attack against Israeli civilians as well as the despicable Palestinian “pay-for-slay” policy in the strongest terms. This heinous act of terror must be the primary focus of the upcoming Middle East briefing to be held on 27 June.

This attack follows an ongoing wave of terror activities described in my previous letters to the Security Council, which in April claimed the lives of an Italian civilian, Alessandro Parini, and three Israeli-British civilians: Rena, Maya and Lucy Dee. In mid-May, 82-year-old Inga Avramyan was killed by rocket fire from Gaza. On 30 May, 32-year-old Meir Tamari was brutally murdered. Since the beginning of 2023, thousands of terror attacks were perpetrated against Israeli civilians, 152 of them were shooting attacks, leading to the brutal murder of 29 innocent victims and the injury of hundreds.

These heinous attacks are a direct result of deliberate incitement by Palestinian terror organizations, as well as the Palestinian Authority, which continues to finance the salaries of murderers and their families through the Palestinian Authority’s despicable “pay-for-slay” policy, which stands in clear contravention of international law concerning the financing of terrorism. The Palestinian Authority’s continued encouragement of terror is appalling.

The international community and the Security Council must condemn this policy and the brutal murder of Israelis by Palestinian terrorists and demand that President Abbas cease the funding and glorification of terror.

Just as appalling is the Palestinian practice of praising the murder of innocent civilians, as was witnessed this afternoon following the attack, when Palestinians distributed sweets in celebration of the innocent Israeli blood that was spilled.

The international community and the Security Council must unconditionally condemn the latest Palestinian terror attacks and hold Palestinian leadership accountable. Years of Palestinian Authority incitement and the inaction of the international community have fuelled the Palestinians’ culture of hate, leading to this volatile point. I call on the members of the Council to address this barbaric policy in the Middle East briefing to be held on 27 June and to shed light on the primary obstacle to peace.



Not only does the Palestinian Authority take no action against terror, it also allows the emergence of Iranian terror strongholds in areas such as Jenin and Nablus. Therefore, Israel will continue to act resolutely against terror and imminent security threats and will take any means necessary in order to defend its citizens. The Security Council must also make a clear distinction between a democracy neutralizing terrorists and the vicious terror organizations targeting innocent civilians. Any such comparison is immoral and false.

I should be grateful if you would distribute the present letter as a document of the Security Council.

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