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THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST

ESTABLISHMENT OF A NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE ZONE IN THE
REGION OF THE MIDDLE EAST

Letter dated 13 September 1983 from the Permanent Representative of
Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to refer to Your Excellency's note of 21 March 1983, in
which you inquired what action the Government of Israel had decided or envisaged to
take in regard to paragraph 4 of General Assembly resolution 37/18.

Israel, it will be recalled, voted against the resolution formulated in a
hostile, one-sided and biased manner. Israel has no policy of attacking nuclear
facilities and its views on the substance of the issue were amply stated and hardly
need reiterating.

The thirty-sixth and thirty-seventh sessions of the General Assembly devoted
much time to the discussion of the issue. The negative effects of the misuse by
Iraq of international organizations for its own partisan purposes and their being
dragged into repetitious discussions on this matter have already been widely
demonstrated in the General Assembly and elsewhere.

It would be regrettable if the General Assembly should be required to deal
once again with the issue involved. Rather, an attempt should be made to grapple
with the essential issues involved in the Middle East such as the establishment of
a nuclear-weapon-free zone, in the manner proposed by Israel, and thus contribute
to advancing the cause of peace in this region.

* A/38/150.
In this connection, I have the honour to refer to my letters addressed to the Secretary-General, dated 9 June 1981 (A/36/315) and 26 October 1981 (A/36/630).

I have the honour to request that this letter be circulated as a document of the General Assembly under items 34 and 47 of the provisional agenda.

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