Identical letters dated 13 March 2012 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

More than 75 rockets have been fired into Israeli communities from Gaza in the past day. More than 250 rockets have been fired since last Friday. That’s one rocket every 20 minutes. Israeli civilians have less than 15 seconds to find shelter from these attacks.

The lives of 1 million Israeli civilians are paralysed. A total of 200,000 Israeli children are out of school.

During the Secretary-General’s trip to Israel last month, he met these children and saw these areas with his own eyes. Yesterday he told the Security Council, “Rocket attacks out of Gaza against Israeli civilian areas are unacceptable and must stop immediately.”

Yet, the Security Council has uttered zero words of condemnation of these attacks.

There is something wrong with this equation.

It is time for the Security Council to speak with one voice against the terrorism that continues to flow from Gaza.

The situation is grave. If one missile lands in the wrong place at the wrong time, Israel will be forced to respond in a completely different manner.

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

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