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TEXT OF A LETTER DATED 6 OCTOBER 1983 RECEIVED FROM THE RESIDENT
REPRESENTATIVE OF ISRAEL TO THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY
AGENCY ADDRESSED TO THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE AGENCY

"I have the honour to refer to the item proposed for inclusion in the agenda of the forthcoming 27th General Conference (GC(XXVII)692). In connection with certain assertions in the explanatory memorandum submitted by Iraq I deem it relevant to bring to your attention, and to the attention of Member States, that the Government of Israel has stated, in a letter dated 13 September 1983 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations in New York addressed to the Secretary-General, that Israel has no policy of attacking nuclear facilities. The letter was circulated as document A/38/411 on 14 September 1983. The full text of the letter is attached.

"I have the honour to request that this letter, and its attachment, be circulated to Member States."

(signed) S. Katz
Permanent Representative



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THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST

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

(Signed) Yehuda Z. BLUM
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of Israel
to the United Nations
