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**Identical letters dated 25 March 2019 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 alert you of a direct hit on an Israeli private home in central Israel by a rocket fired this morning from the Gaza Strip. This vicious attack injured civilians, including an infant and two young children, from the village of Mishmeret.

Hamas, the internationally recognized terrorist organization, is responsible for this attack. Terrorists from Hamas manufactured this long-range rocket, filling it with steel bullets and shrapnel to maximize the damage. They placed it in a post known to be used by Hamas from within a Palestinian population centre in Rafah and fired it deliberately into an Israeli civilian community populated by families.

This rocket travelled over 120 kilometres to Mishmeret and completely destroyed the family's home. Seven people suffered injuries, including a baby and her grandmother, and two other children. Neighbouring houses and cars also sustained damage. For me, this attack hits close to home in the most literal sense, as Mishmeret is my place of residence in Israel. It is where my family lives and where I raise my children.

Hamas has launched over 12,000 rockets and mortars into Israel. Its stated primary goal is the destruction of my country. There is no question that a United Nations Member State would respond by any means necessary to an attack on its citizens by a terrorist organization. As such, Israel will respond and take all necessary measures to protect its citizens.

I call on the Security Council to condemn this terror attack unequivocally and finally designate Hamas as a terrorist organization.

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

(Signed) **Danny Danon**  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative

