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LETTER DATED 6 OCTOBER 1973 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF THE SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED
TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to bring to your urgent attention that during the afternoon (Syrian local time) of 6 October (today), the Israeli armed forces have launched military aggression against Syrian forward positions all along the cease-fire line. Our forces had to return the fire. Formations of Israeli aircraft took part in this aggression and penetrated our air space in the northern sector of the front, thus leading to their confrontation by our air force. The battle is still raging in land and in air in such dimension as to reveal the Israeli intent of waging a total war.

While informing you, Excellency, about these events of the most grave nature, I have the honour to request you to be kind enough to circulate this letter among members of the Security Council as an official document.

(Signed) Haissam Kelani
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of the
Syrian Arab Republic to the
United Nations