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**Seventy-first year****The situation in the Middle East****Question of Palestine****Identical letters dated 21 July 2016 from the Permanent Observer  
of the State of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the  
Secretary-General, the President of the General Assembly and the  
President of the Security Council**

Upon instructions from the Palestinian leadership, I am compelled to draw your attention to the brutal and atrocious crime committed against a 12-year-old Palestinian boy, Abdullah Issa, who was abducted, tortured and then beheaded by the Nour al-Din al-Zenki terrorist group in Handarat refugee camp near Aleppo city, Syria.

The Palestinian leadership condemns in the strongest terms this heinous crime and calls for a full investigation and for the perpetrators to be brought to justice. The Palestinian leadership also calls for immediate action to provide protection to Palestinian refugees living in Syria.

I would be grateful if the present letter could be distributed as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 37 and 38, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Riyad **Mansour**  
Ambassador  
Permanent Observer

