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THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL LE PRÉSIDENT DU CONSEIL DE SÉCURITÉ

18 September 1997

Dear Mr. Secretary-General,

I have the honour to refer to your letter of 9 September 1997 concerning resolution 51/26, which the General Assembly adopted on 4 December 1996, at its fifty-first session, under the agenda item "Question of Palestine".

The Security Council is gravely concerned about the recent developments in the Occupied Territories and the region.

The Council calls upon the concerned parties to pursue the negotiations and to fulfill their obligations under the agreements achieved. The Council continues to be determined to provide the needed backing to the Middle East peace process, giving full support to the Agreements achieved as well as to the timely implementation of these Agreements.

Please accept, Mr. Secretary-General, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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His Excellency Mr. Kofi Annan Secretary-General