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Letter dated 12 October 1970 from the representatives of Algeria, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Saudia Arabia, Scuthern Yemen, the Sudan, Syria, Tunisia, the United Arab Republic, and Yemen to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from our respective Governments, we have the honour to bring to Your Excellency's attention the following:

In the past few days, each of us received an anonymous letter threatening his life. In the past few weeks, the Permanent Mission of one Arab State suffered an explosion on its premises. In the past year, bombs - which fortunately did not explode - were found on the premises of the Permanent Missions of other Arab States. Also, the permanent mission of one Arab State was invaded by a number of persons, who occupied its offices for several hours. And the office of the Palestine Liberation Organization - whose Director has appeared before the Special Political Committee of the General Assembly in successive sessions and is also a member of the permanent mission of one Arab State - has been attacked three times in one year. Two of these attacks resulted in bodily injury; and the latest, which occurred last week, caused material damage.

These actions represent a systematic, persistent and escalating campaign of terror against the missions and representatives of Members of the United Nations.

One by one, these actions were brought to Your Excellency's attention and/or the attention of the Permanent Mission of the United States.

Unfortunately, the results of the investigations of the police authorities - if any were conducted - were not officially conveyed to the missions concerned.

Nor were any measures of adequate and sustained protection taken, even after the recent threats addressed to each of us. On the single occasion on which some persons were apprehended, they were released without bail and the trial was postponed for one year, according to information unofficially conveyed to some of us.

The lack of concern exhibited by the authorities of the host country in the face of these mounting threats to our security raises grave doubts about the ability of the missions of States Members of the United Nations to perform the functions entrusted to them by their Governments, and may in the long run imperil the United Nations as long as its Headquarters continue to be located in New York.

Undoubtedly, more and more Member States - whose missions have been subjected to similar attacks and threats, or whose representatives have been victimized by discrimination - will find themselves compelled to reconsider the advisability of maintaining the Headquarters of the United Nations in this City.

We are now considering the appropriate means for bringing these questions to the attention of the competent organs of the United Nations.

We request that this letter be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly.

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