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THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Letter dated 1 May 1970 from the Permanent Representative of
the United Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to
the Secretary-General

During the last few days the Israeli authorities have been cynically embarking on a campaign of falsification and deceit about alleged "increasing involvement of Soviet pilots in the Egyptian air forces". The sinister motivation of the latest Israeli campaign of deceit is twofold: first, by conducting such deceitful campaigns, Israel seeks to provide pretences and justifications for receiving more Phantom jets from the United States, which were used in the barbaric bombing of peaceful civilian workers in factories, and innocent school children in the playgrounds and the classrooms of their schools. Second, confronted with the universal condemnation of its persistence in pursuing its policy of aggression through the continued occupation of the territories of three Arab States aiming at their annexation and the denial of the inalienable rights of the Arab people of Palestine, Israel continues to seek all means to divert the attention of world public opinion from its persistent aggression, its flagrant violation of the basic norms of civilized conduct and its contemptible disregard and defiance of the will of the international community and the authority of the United Nations.

We are confident that whatever means and resources of misleading world opinion Israel may attempt to manipulate, world public opinion will uncover Israel's sinister and deceitful designs. We are confident that the attention of world public opinion will not be diverted from the following established facts concerning Israel's stand on the Middle East issue:

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1. Israel has rejected Security Council resolution 242 (1967) of 22 November 1967.
2. It has refused to withdraw from the Arab territories. Israel's Prime Minister went as far as publishing a statement in which she refused to use the word "withdrawal".
3. Israel's Prime Minister has declared that the Palestinian people never existed.
4. Israel has rejected the United Nations resolutions concerning repatriation of the refugees, and is thus insisting that one and a half million Palestinians should remain homeless.
5. Israel defied the United Nations and its resolutions, and proclaimed the annexation of Jerusalem, a step that reveals disregard and defiance of those resolutions.
6. Israel is persecuting the Arab population in the occupied territories and refuses to allow United Nations Committees to enter those lands with a view to investigating the crimes Israel has been committing.
7. Israel has stubbornly objected to all international efforts aiming at finding a peaceful settlement on the basis of the United Nations Charter, and the resolutions of the international Organization, and declared its denunciation and rejection of the four-Power meetings in New York.
8. Israel has obstructed the mission of Ambassador Gunnar Jarring, the Special Representative of the Secretary-General.
9. Through its Prime Minister, Israel is daily announcing its determination to pursue its expansionist and aggressive policy by annexing Arab lands and expelling their population. Israel is also violating the rights of the Palestinian people, and thus bears the responsibility for obstructing the realization of peace in the area.

The Arab people will continue their steadfast struggle against the aggressor. They shall continue their efforts to liberate their territory from Israeli occupation. In their struggle, the Arab people are sustained by their firm conviction that, in defending their territorial sovereignty and sacred rights, they are also defending the basic principles of the Charter of the United Nations.

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Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to request that this letter be circulated as an official document of the Security Council and the General Assembly.

(Signed) Mohamed H. EL-ZAYYAT
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