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Letter dated 18 February 1970 from the representatives of Iraq, Jordan, the Sudan, Syria and the United Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Acting upon instructions from our Governments, we have the honour to enclose herewith for your Excellency's information, and with the request to circulate it as an official document of the General Assembly, the original text (in Arabic), of the communiqué issued at the closure of the Conference of five Arab States held in Cairo between 7 and 9 February 1970.^{1/} The Arabic text is accompanied by a non-official translation into English for the purpose of circulation.

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^{1/} The communiqué was also addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/9654).

COMMUNIQUE OF 9 FEBRUARY 1970 ISSUED BY THE CONFERENCE OF FRONT-LINE
STATES HELD IN CAIRO

The Front-line States which assume responsibility of direct defence of the Arab nation in the face of Israeli aggression, meeting in the present grave circumstances marked by the escalation of aggressive Israeli military operations, affirm anew their determination to liberate Arab usurped territory and their absolute faith in ineluctable victory.

The Front-line States have the firm conviction that the Arab nation, which has stood fast in the face of great challenges throughout history, is capable of deterring aggression and regaining Arab right from its usurpers. It follows that our resolve to pursue the struggle against the enemy and our refusal to submit to his will stem from a solid basis embodying all elements of victory.

We hold our present meeting at a time when the United States of America is taking a new hostile position against the Arab nation, whereby it unveils its true commitments to Zionism and to the Israeli plan of expansion.

Israel would not have gone that far in her aggression in utter disregard of all human values and principles nor would it have defied world public opinion and violated the United Nations Charter and resolutions had it not been for its continued reliance on the backing of the United States, which supplies it with armaments and aircraft, permits its citizens to serve in the Israeli Armed Forces and extends to Israel its political support in the international field.

This backing and support continue unabated at a time when Israel has not only usurped the whole of Palestine and driven out its population, but is occupying territories belonging to three Arab States, Members of the United Nations, with the aim of expansion and continued aggression.

The Arab nation refuses to see its resources and wealth thus being exploited in order to be offered in the form of assistance and armaments to Israel. The continuation of this exploitation is indeed a colonial phenomenon which the Arab nation is duty-bound to liquidate.

With such a conduct and continued support to Israel, the United States of America merely helps exposing security and peace in the Middle East and world peace at large to the danger of a global war. The United States thus bears the grave responsibility before the international community and before humanity at large.

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At this critical phase of the Arab nation's history, it is imperative that all Arab States and the Arab people at large, with all its institutions and organizations, mobilize their forces and concentrate their energies to face these challenges in the battle of destiny.

In this struggle against aggression, the Arab nation does not stand alone. On its side stand all freedom, progress and peace-loving peoples; accordingly, the Front-line States appeal to these people and their Governments to stand firmly in a joint front to deter aggression and consolidate the pillars of right, justice and peace.
