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Note verbale dated 22 June 1981 from the Permanent Mission
of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed
to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Mission of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and, further to its note dated 17 March 1981 (A/36/134-S/14411), has the honour to bring to His Excellency's attention the following:

The Israeli occupation authorities continue to practice various methods of terror, pressure, compulsion and abuse against Syrian citizens in the Syrian Arab occupied territory of the Golan Heights, in order to force the Syrian citizens to relinquish their nationality, acquire Israeli citizenship and carry Israeli identity cards. According to the most recent information, Israeli occupation authorities have dismissed a number of civil servants and teachers, imposed heavy taxes and deprived workers of their jobs because of their refusal to accept the identity of the occupier.

Syrian citizens in the village of Majdal-Shams have held a meeting to discuss the methods practised by the occupation authorities. They have resolved to resist at any cost those terrorist colonialist practices and to appoint a delegation headed by Sheikh Amin Tarif to meet with the Military Governor in order to protest such practices. The delegation warned the occupation authorities that continued pressure against the population would lead ultimately to a possible revolt against those authorities.

Furthermore, a decision has been taken by all the leaders in the occupied territory, including the religious leaders, to shun completely and refuse to deal with any individual accepting Israeli identity.

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To promote their resistance and consolidate their steadfastness, 30 leaders, on behalf of all the citizens, have issued and signed a declaration asserting that the Golan area is, and will remain, an integral part of Syria.

Facing that great surge of resistance, the occupation authorities have countered by escalating their terrorist colonialist practices and their violation of human rights.

On orders from the Israeli Military Governor five Arab Syrian citizens have been detained. They are: Kamal Kinge, Mohammed Hassan Safadi, Hayel Hussein Abu-Jabal, Mohanna Hussein Safadi and Mohammed Ali Kadmani. They have been accused of inciting the population against the Military Governor. The Israeli newspapers reported that the detainees had incited the people to reject Israeli citizenship and Israeli sovereignty over the Golan Heights and that they had raised the Syrian flag at the village of Majdal-Shams.

The Government of the Syrian Arab Republic strongly protests these measures and practices that constitute a blatant violation of the provisions of the United Nations Charter, principles of international law, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the Geneva Convention of 1949 and requests the Secretary-General to take appropriate measures in this regard.

The Permanent Mission of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations kindly requests the Secretary-General to circulate the present note as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 33 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.
