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OF THE DECISIONS ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS SEVENTH
SPECIAL SESSION

Letter dated 2 October 1975 from the Permanent Representative
of the United Arab Emirates to the United Nations addressed to
the Secretary-General

On the instructions of my Government, acting also in its capacity as
Chairman of the present session of the Arab League, I have the honour to enclose
the statement issued by the Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Arab
Countries concerning the seventh special session of the United Nations General
Assembly.

We request that this statement be issued and distributed as an official
document of the United Nations General Assembly.

(Signed) Dr. Ali HUMAIDAN

STATEMENT BY THE MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE ARAB STATES
ON THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION DEVOTED TO DEVELOPMENT AND
INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION

The Arab States have contributed to the work of the seventh special session of the General Assembly, devoted to development and international economic co-operation, in a positive spirit and with the sincere intention of achieving the maximum possible progress in the cause of economic justice among the poor and the rich countries. General Assembly resolution 3362 (S-VII) was adopted as a result of the mobilization of world opinion and the great efforts deployed by the international Organization for many years with a view to attaining the goals of this resolution. The Arab countries have always upheld the cause of justice and progress throughout the world. Their positive attitude and their sincere support of the said resolution are not dictated by self-interest, but express a solidarity derived from their faith in justice and in the need to eliminate poverty and exploitation throughout the world.

Our consistent policy of solidarity, reflected by our attitude and conduct during the said session, is not expressed in words but in concrete deeds. Thus, the Arab oil-producing countries, together with other Arab countries, have provided substantial assistance to developing countries - in fact, this assistance represents a far higher percentage of their national product than that contributed by the rich industrialized countries, as clearly vouched for by the figures.

Following the adoption of the said General Assembly resolution, we affirm that we shall continue to follow the same course, acting in solidarity for the sake of our just cause, and we shall spare no effort to secure the full implementation of that resolution within the United Nations and its specialized agencies and in every other undertaking directed towards the same aim. We also proclaim that the policy of economic and commercial co-operation with the other developing States will be continued and strengthened. While struggling for their liberty and the maintenance of their independence, and repelling aggression against themselves, the Arab States are convinced that concerted efforts and unity in our ranks are the most potent weapon that we, the developing States, possess for combating injustice, achieving equity and furthering the principles of the United Nations. The battle for freedom throughout the world is one and indivisible, and is best served by action and solidarity.
