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QUESTION OF THE VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE TERRITORIES OCCUPIED AS A  
RESULT OF HOSTILITIES IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Letter dated 4 January 1977 from the Permanent Observer of the League  
of Arab States to the United Nations Office at Geneva to the  
Chairman of the Commission on Human Rights

Upon instructions from the Secretary-General of the League of Arab States, I have the honour to transmit to you the following communiqué:

"The Permanent Arab Commission on Human Rights held its eighth meeting on December 26, 1976. The Commission draws the attention of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights in its thirty-third session to the continued Israeli violations of the basic human rights of the arab population in the occupied arab territories and its desecration of Al-Ibrahimi mosque in Al-Khalil. The Arab Commission strongly condemns Israel's practices in the occupied territories and calls upon the United Nations Commission on Human Rights to exert every effort to put an end to the sufferings of the arab population under Israeli occupation."

(Signed): Mahmoud Riad  
Secretary-General  
of the League of Arab States

I would greatly appreciate it if you could bring this information to the attention of the members of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights at its thirty-third session and circulate it as an official document of the Commission under Agenda item 4 entitled "Question of the violation of Human Rights in the Territories Occupied as a result of hostilities in the Middle East."

Please accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed): Akram AL DEIRI  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative of  
the League of Arab States  
Delegation in Geneva