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THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES

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Letter dated 19 June 1978 from the Permanent Representative of Qatar
to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On behalf of the Arab Group at the United Nations, I would like to refer to the letter sent to the President of the Security Council by the Israeli representative dated 6 June 1978 (S/12730) and his letter to the Secretary-General dated 31 May 1978 (A/33/116-S/12725). I will not try to answer the contents of his letter concerning the Palestinian people and their rights, because those rights and the struggle of the Palestinian people to regain them were confirmed on numerous occasions by the United Nations and its organs, but I want particularly to draw your attention to what the Israeli representative calls "the Judaea and Samaria districts of the West Bank". This is yet another act consistent with the persistent Israeli policy of annexation and "change of the status of the occupied territories", and constitutes a flagrant violation of the Geneva Convention Relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War 1/ and of the relevant United Nations resolutions, including General Assembly resolution 32/910 of 13 December 1977. The United Nations never recognized either the Israeli occupation of the Arab territories or the names given to them by the occupation authorities. The Arab Group takes a very serious view to the misuse of official United Nations document by the Israeli representative in giving Israeli names to Arab territories against the terminology recognized and used by the United Nations and its organs. I kindly ask you, Mr. Secretary-General, and sincerely hope that the United Nations Secretariat will refrain in the future from allowing such misuse by the Israeli representative of United Nations documents.

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I have the honour to request that this letter be distributed as a document of the General Assembly, under item 55 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

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