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REPLIES RECEIVED FROM GOVERNMENTS

QATAR

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1. The State of Qatar belongs to the Arab world, which is closely linked with the Mediterranean region. This is the reason for our concern about the strengthening of security and co-operation in this region, in addition to the fact that the strengthening of security in this vital region affects international security generally.

2. The Government of Qatar believes that the strengthening of security in the Mediterranean region requires, primarily, making this region a zone of peace. This, in turn requires the following:

- (a) The elimination of all military bases in the region;
- (b) Abstention from entering into military alliances;
- (c) Non-intervention in the internal affairs of the States of the region and respect for the sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of each of its States.

3. Because the Middle East is an inseparable part of the Mediterranean region, the strengthening of security and co-operation in the region requires the resolution of the problem of the Middle East and the Palestinian question on the basis of United Nations resolutions and the implementation of the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people. This requires, primarily, dealing with the dangerous situation which Israel has created in the region through its occupation of Arab territories and the continued establishment of settlements in the occupied Arab territories. The Government of Qatar considers that the continuation of this situation increases tension in the region and makes it a focal point of explosive international conflict which holds the menace of great-Power intervention. It is, therefore, necessary for the States of the region to co-operate in order to put an end to the aggressive policy of Israel.

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