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Letter dated 1 December 1978 from the Permanent Representative of
Jordan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the message sent by His Majesty King Hussein ben Tala of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan in connexion with the observance at the United Nations, on 29 November 1978, of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People.

I request that you kindly circulate this message as an official document of the General Assembly under agenda item 31.

(Signed) Hazem MUSEIBEH
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

ANNEX

Message from the King of Jordan on the occasion of the International
Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

Jordan shares with the whole world this solemn occasion, the Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, in their tragedy and their struggle, in their suffering and steadfastness, in their pains and hopes. It is an occasion which arouses our deepest humanitarian feelings, because it represents a battle waged by justice against a foray of injustice. It is a dedication of the meanings of a free and dignified life which inspired the Charter of the United Nations with all the covenants, charters and resolutions that have stemmed from it to ensure for man the security of his homeland, his heritage, dignity, survival and sacred freedom.

History, both ancient and recent, has never witnessed a tragedy with the magnitude of the one that has befallen the Palestinian people, who have been uprooted from the land that belonged to their fathers and forefathers since the dawn of history, and arbitrarily condemned to homelessness, suffering, occupation and the loss of identity, of heritage and of glorious history, which has so generously enriched the human civilization from their holy land, the cradle of divine religions and the place to which yearn the hearts of believers all over the world.

Jordan, which has lived and continues to live the tragedy of the Palestinian people in all its dimensions, and has played host to more than 1.5 million Palestinians forced out of their homes by brutal force and recurrent atrocious aggression, takes the opportunity, on this solemn occasion, to express its unswerving and unflagging solidarity with its brethren, the Palestinian people, in their struggle to recover their usurped rights and to live in their holy land in freedom and dignity.

Jordan would like also to extend its greetings and to express its appreciation to the United Nations on its International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People. It considers this Day as a sincere and heartfelt expression of the international community's upholding of its Charter, its ideals and its dignity by its steadfast stand for right, good and the cherished just peace; by its stand as a strong bulwark against the infringement and encroachment on this right, so that humanity, represented by the United Nations, may continue its march for the good, right, progress and peace based on justice. Let this day, the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People be a radiant torch that dissipates the darkness of injustice and gloom.

Jordan calls upon all States Members of the United Nations to shoulder their responsibility to save the Palestinian people from their present calamity, which poses a danger beyond the boundaries of the Middle East region, threatens world peace and security and imposes on the States of the world the duty to look beyond their narrow national interests in their approach to this tragedy, in order to safeguard the Charter of the United Nations and the conscience and values of mankind.