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Letter dated 18 June 1980 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to enclose herewith a statement issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Iraq regarding the granting of military facilities in Oman to the United States of America.

I would kindly request that this statement be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under items 26 and 106 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(<u>Signed</u>) Salah Omar AL-ALI
Permanent Representative

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ANNEX

Iraq declares its condemnation of the agreement between the United States of America and the Sultanate of Oman giving the United States aerial and maritime facilities

In a statement issued yesterday in Baghdad by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Iraq expressed its regret at the United States official statements contradicting the assurances given by the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of the Sultanate of Oman during his last visit to Iraq. Below is the text of the report:

"The United States Department of State announced on 5 June last that the United States had completed an agreement with Oman giving American aircraft and naval units access to airfields and ports near the Arabian Gulf."

The Iraqi Ministry of Foreign Affairs expresses its surprise and regret at these United States official statements, which contradict the assurances given by the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of Oman during his last visit to Iraq and his denial that his Government intended to accord any facilities of this kind.

Iraq, therefore, firmly believing in the principles of the National Declaration, announces its condemnation of this step and its concern for national security and the security of Iraq because of the consequences and dangers of such irresponsible action.