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Letter dated 15 December 1987 from the Permanent Representative of
Kuwait to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith a communiqué adopted at the urgent meeting of the members of the Organization of the Islamic Conference at the United Nations on the situation in the occupied Palestinian territories, which was held on 15 December 1987 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would arrange for this letter and the communiqué to be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 38, and of the Security Council.

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ANNEX

Communiqué adopted by the members of the Organization of the Islamic Conference at the United Nations, at the urgent meeting on the situation in the occupied Palestinian territories, held in New York on 15 December 1987

An urgent meeting of the members of the Organization of the Islamic Conference at the United Nations was held in New York on Tuesday, 15 December 1987, to consider the explosive situation and the heroic uprising of the Palestinian people in the occupied territories.

The meeting heard a statement by the representative of the Palestine Liberation Organization in this regard, with specific reference to the recent Zionist atrocities in the Gaza Strip and Balata refugee camp, which have also since been perpetrated all over the occupied Palestinian territories.

The members of the Organization of the Islamic Conference at the United Nations proudly salute the steadfast militants in the occupied Palestinian, Syrian Arab Golan and other occupied Arab territories, the militants detained in the prisons of the Zionist entity, the wounded and the innocent martyrs who laid down their lives in defence of their people, their national homeland and their holy shrines.

The leaders of the Zionist entity are under the spell of a vindictive hysteria as they continue their escalated reprisal campaign against the heroic uprising of the Palestinian people in the face of the Zionist occupation in the occupied Palestinian territories.

The members of the Organization of the Islamic Conference at the United Nations strongly condemn the Zionist terrorist aggression against the Palestinian and other Arab people in the occupied territories and warn the international community against the dangers of this Zionist blatant arrogance, jeopardizing international peace and security, and urge all to respond to their moral and legal responsibility toward the Palestinian people and stand up for their historic inalienable national right to return to Palestine, to exercise self-determination and to establish their independent Palestinian State on their national soil.

The members of the Organization of the Islamic Conference reaffirm that solving the problems in the area and establishing a just peace there cannot be achieved by ignoring the Palestinian people, their inalienable national rights and their sole legitimate representative, the Palestine Liberation Organization. The key to the solution lies, in fact, in the convening of the International Conference for Peace in the Middle East, under the auspices of the United Nations and with the participation of all the parties concerned, including the Palestine Liberation Organization on an equal footing, in accordance with United Nations resolution 38/58 C of 13 December 1983.

The members of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, expressing their condemnation of the Zionist entity and these criminal Zionist policies and practices of cold-blooded murder of innocent and defenceless students, men, women and children, and acts of brutality against the civilian population in the occupied Palestinian territories, urge the United Nations, in particular the Security Council, to intervene immediately to stop the massacres perpetrated against the Palestinian people. The Islamic Ummah reaffirms its solidarity with the struggle of the Palestinian people and their glorious uprising under the leadership of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO). The Zionist occupying invaders would not have pursued their arrogance had it not been for the constant support extended to them by certain States and the absence of an international deterrent force.

In this connection, the meeting calls upon the Security Council to take the necessary urgent measures to send a special fact-finding mission to investigate the situation in the occupied Palestinian territories and to report to the Council as soon as possible. The meeting further calls upon the United Nations, and particularly the Security Council, urgently to take effective steps, including the imposition of sanctions stipulated in Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations, against the Zionist entity with the view to enforcing immediate and total withdrawal and ending the Zionist occupation of all the Palestinian territories as well as the other Arab territories including the city of Al-Quds Al-Sharif, occupied since 1967.
