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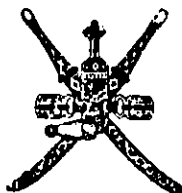
Letter dated 30 June 1980 from the Permanent Representative of
Oman to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

With reference to a letter dated 18 June 1980, addressed to you by the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations and circulated as an official document of the General Assembly and of the Security Council (A/35/298-S/14008), I have the honour, upon instructions from my Government, to request the circulation of the enclosed statement, issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Sultanate of Oman, as an official document of the General Assembly, under items 26 and 106 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Mahmoud ABOUL-NASR
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of Oman
to the United Nations

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STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
OF THE SULTANATE OF OMAN

With reference to the recent statement issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Iraq which was circulated as a United Nations document (A/35/298 - S/14008), the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Sultanate of Oman firmly rejects any attempt to misinterpret the objective of the recent understanding reached with the United States Government and which is aimed solely at enhancing Oman's efforts towards economic development and strengthening its defensive capabilities, in the face of a potential danger emanating from the existence of an aggressive and expansionist foreign military force in the region.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs would like to reiterate once again, Oman's previously declared position that under no circumstances, it shall grant military bases on its territory to any foreign power, permit the stationing of foreign troops on its soil, nor shall it allow under any account the use of its territory for any aggressive act against an other country.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Oman need not stress once again, Oman's well-known adherence and commitment to the principles and objectives of the United Nations, the League of Arab States, the Non-Aligned Movement and the decisions of the Islamic Conference, while at the same time, reiterates its firm intention to exercise its inherent right and sacred duty to take all legitimate measures, as a free and independent country, to foster its development and to protect its independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity against outside intervention.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs wishes to reaffirm Oman's continued interest in furthering cooperation and understanding, in particular within the Arab family of States, on the basis of the principles of friendly relations and non interference in the domestic affairs.