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OF VIET NAM TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-
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I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the 6 August 1980 statement by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam on Israel's decision to make Jerusalem capital of Israel and kindly request you to have this note and the text of the statement circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) HA VAN LAU
Permanent Representative of the
Socialist Republic of Viet Nam
to the United Nations

Annex

Statement dated 6 August 1980 by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
of Viet Nam on Israel's decision to make Jerusalem capital of
Israel

On 30 July 1980, the Israeli Parliament legislated to make Jerusalem Israel's capital.

This is a blatant and gross violation of the Palestinian and other Arab peoples' sovereignty over the city of Jerusalem and has seriously violated the United Nations resolutions on the status of this city. The legislation was enacted immediately after the United Nations General Assembly's urgent meeting on Palestine had approved a resolution to demand that Israel withdraw from all Arab territories it still illegally occupies, and that an independent and sovereign Palestinian State be set up. It is an arrogant challenge to world opinion and exemplifies Israel's deliberate continuation of its policy of aggression and expansion against the Palestinian and other Arab peoples with the protection and encouragement of the United States.

The people and Government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam strongly condemn this action of the Israeli authorities and demand that they repeal the legislations and fully respect the United Nations resolutions on the status of Jerusalem.

As in the past, the people and Government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam fully support the Palestinian and other Arab peoples' just struggle against the Israeli Zionist aggressors, henchmen of the United States imperialists, and for the recovery of all Israel-occupied Arab territories and the restoration of all the inviolable sacred national rights of the Palestinian people, including the right to set up an independent and sovereign Palestinian State under the leadership of the Palestine Liberation Organization - the only genuine representative of the Palestinian people.
