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Review of the Commission's resolution 37 (IV)

The delegation of the Arab Republic of Egypt presents its compliments to the Executive Secretary and the secretariat of the sixth session of the Economic Commission for Western Asia.

Referring to the recommendation adopted by the Commission at its sixth session in Baghdad on 29 April 1979 recommending the suspension of Egypt from the Commission,

Further to the statement delivered by the Head of the delegation of the Arab Republic of Egypt in which he registered a procedural and substantive objection to the recommendation of the Commission and further to the first memorandum that he submitted;

The delegation of the Arab Republic of Egypt has the honour to register an official protest against the aforementioned recommendation for the following reasons:

1. The consideration of this subject exceeds the terms of reference of the Commission and its economic and technical mandate and has an adverse effect on the seriousness of the work of the Commission which requires a climate of stability and non-involvement in the politics of the member States.

2. The membership of the Arab Republic of Egypt is final and is not open to deliberation by the Commission, especially since the Arab Republic of Egypt has not violated any of its international obligations or the principles associated with the Commission.

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3. It is surprising in this regard that recommendation for the suspension of the membership of Egypt in the Economic Commission for Western Asia should be made at the time when the political efforts of Egypt to recover its Asiatic territories have borne fruit as one of the consequences of the first step on the road to the comprehensive settlement of the Middle East problem.

The delegation of the Arab Republic of Egypt requests that the present memorandum be considered as an official document and that a copy thereof be forwarded to the Secretariat of the United Nations and takes this opportunity to renew the assurances of its highest consideration.