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Letter dated 1 September 1993 from the Permanent Representative of  
Belgium to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to enclose the French and English versions of a statement dated 31 August 1993 by the Presidency of the European Community on the peace process in the Middle East (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and its annex distributed as a document of the forty-seventh session of the General Assembly, under agenda items 30 and 35, and of the Security Council.

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Annex

Statement dated 31 August 1993 by the Presidency of the European  
Community on the peace process in the Middle East

The Israeli-Palestinian agreement in principle constitutes a historic step towards the establishment of peace in this sorely tried region.

The European Community and its member States pay tribute to the vision and courage of the Israeli and Palestinian leaders who have managed to overcome numerous and thorny obstacles in order to lay the foundations for a better future for both their peoples. They are prepared to facilitate the implementation and success of this agreement.

The European Community and its member States take this opportunity to reiterate their total support for the Middle East peace process, initiated at Madrid, with a view to its resulting, through full application of the relevant resolutions of the Security Council, in a global, just and lasting solution to the whole Israeli-Arab conflict.

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