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LETTER DATED 25 JULY 1994 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF
YEMEN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to submit herewith a letter addressed to you from
Mr. Mohamed Salem Basendwah, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of
Yemen, concerning the situation in Yemen.

I would appreciate it if the attached letter could be circulated as a
document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Abdalla S. AL-ASHTAL
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex

[Original: Arabic]

Letter dated 24 July 1994 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs
of the Republic of Yemen addressed to the Secretary-General

I should like to again transmit to you, together with your Special Envoy, Mr. Lakhdar Brahimi, and the ambassadors and heads of delegation of the States members of the Security Council, my Government's thanks for the efforts you have made to put an end to the tragic events in my country - the Republic of Yemen - following the attempts at armed sedition carried out by those who, by attacking constitutional legitimacy and flouting public order, have acted outside the law.

I have the honour to inform you, on behalf of my Government, of the following:

With reference to the note, dated 7 July 1994, in which the Acting Prime Minister of the Republic of Yemen, Mr. Mohamed Saed Al-Attar, informed you of the decisions taken by his Government immediately following the cease-fire, in particular the decision to declare a general amnesty, the Government of the Republic of Yemen wishes to reaffirm that it is resolved to do all that is necessary to facilitate the return to its territory of citizens of the Republic of Yemen who fled or were forced to flee to brotherly countries that welcomed them and gave them asylum, for which we should like to thank them. Moreover, the Government of the Republic of Yemen undertakes fully to respect the rights of citizenship of those who fled, in accordance with the Constitution and law, and in the framework of the general amnesty which it decreed in order to allow these persons to return to normal life in their homeland and to ensure that they do not impose a permanent burden on the States which welcomed them by remaining in those countries.

In addition, the Yemeni Government should like to reaffirm that it is determined to cooperate fully with the countries of the region on the basis of the principles of mutual respect, good neighbourliness and non-interference in the internal affairs of other States, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations. It is also prepared to develop close ties of cooperation with its neighbours in order to guarantee the security and stability of the region of the Arabian peninsula and the Gulf and to ensure the well-being of the inhabitants of this part of the world.

For this reason, while reaffirming that it shall fully comply with all the commitments it has undertaken, of which it has informed you, the Government of the Republic of Yemen would be grateful if you would inform the Governments of the States of the region that it is ready to welcome, at any time, all Yemeni citizens who fled or were forced to flee to one of these brotherly countries, and to offer to those who fled all the necessary facilities and guarantees.

Although it respects the right of each State to grant asylum or the right of abode to those who do not wish to return to their country, the Government of the Republic of Yemen hopes that all States which welcomed those refugees and

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fugitives who have refused to take advantage of the general amnesty and return to their country will prohibit these last-mentioned persons from committing acts of sabotage or undertaking activities which might threaten the security and territorial integrity of Yemen and its population.

Lastly, I should like to assure you that my country will not hesitate, if necessary, to take advantage of the capacities and competence of the United Nations in general, and of the experience which you and your Special Envoy, Mr. Lakhdar Brahimi, have gained, to overcome the difficulties which could present an obstacle to the national dialogue currently in progress within the country. Finally, we should like to express to you and to your Special Envoy our thanks for the help you have promised to give us as Yemenis.

(Signed) Mohamed Salem BASENDWAH
Minister for Foreign Affairs of the
Republic of Yemen
