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Letter dated 2 February 1981 from the Permanent Representative of
Jordan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to convey a message which I received from the General Islamic Congress for Beitul-Maqdis (Jerusalem) at its latest meeting in Amman.

This very ominous message is a further proof, if any is needed, of the occupying Power's unbridled and shameless transgressions against Islamic sanctuaries and leaders in the occupied West Bank, including Jerusalem.

The message reads as follows:

"The General Islamic Congress for Beitul-Maqdis (Jerusalem) in Amman condemns the Zionist aggressions against the citizens of the occupied West Bank. Further to the deportation of the religious leader of Hebron and the two mayors of Hebron and Halhoul, the Zionist occupying authorities arrested three Muslim religious preachers in Nablus and Toulkarm, accusing them of violating laws of zionism in their own homeland. These acts were intensified lately to include the arrest of 20 religious leaders and preachers of Muslims throughout the West Bank, including the Islamic Higher Council in Jerusalem.

"There is no explanation for these aggressions except deep-rooted hatred and racism practised by zionism and Zionist authorities against other faiths, peoples, humanity as a whole, as well as the curtailment of the religious freedom of other faiths.

"The Islamic Congress urges Your Excellency to use your good offices to stop the racial Zionist aggression against the Muslim religious leaders

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and to take appropriate steps with a view to ensuring their immediate release.

"Thank you for your positive co-operation and concern.

"The General Islamic Congress
for Beitul-Maqdis
(Jerusalem) Amman"

I request Your Excellency to initiate prompt measures to redeem this untenable and totally unjustified action by the Israeli occupying Power in violation of the fourth Geneva Convention of 1949 1/ and the norms of decent civilized behaviour.

I also request Your Excellency to circulate this message as an official document of the General Assembly, under the item entitled "Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Population of the Occupied Territories", and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Hazem NUSEIBEH
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

1/ United Nations, Treaty Series, vol. 75, No. 973, p. 287.