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LETTER DATED 11 JUNE 1981 FROM THE ACTING PERMANENT
REPRESENTATIVE OF PAKISTAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS
ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to inform you that the Government of Pakistan issued the following statement on 9 June 1981 strongly denouncing the Israeli air attack on Iraqi nuclear installations:

"The Israeli air attack on the Iraqi atomic reactor close to Baghdad is an unprecedented act of international gangsterism which has scandalized the international community. This insolent and wanton act, which so flagrantly violates the sanctity of the principles of civilized conduct, has further exposed Israel as an irresponsible entity with which peaceful coexistence would appear to be a forlorn hope.

"Israel's arrogance knows no bounds. Its latest act of terrorism against Iraq is a continuation of the brazen aggression which Israel has unleashed against its Arab neighbours.

"The attack on the Iraqi installations is not only an aggression against Iraq but is a challenge to the entire Islamic world, whose Foreign Ministers concluded their twelfth conference in Baghdad barely two days earlier.

"The Government of Pakistan condemns in the strongest terms the unprovoked Israeli aggression against Iraq and calls upon the international community to take effective measures to prevent Israel from threatening the peace and stability of its neighbours with impunity. The Government and the people of Pakistan declare their total solidarity with their Iraqi brethren against the Israeli aggressor".

It would be appreciated if this letter were circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Shamshad AHMAD
Acting Permanent Representative