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LETTER DATED 12 JUNE 1981 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES, A.I., OF THE
PERMANENT MISSION OF ZAMBIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE
PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to inform you that His Excellency Dr. Kenneth David Kaunda, President of the Republic of Zambia, issued on Tuesday, 9 June 1981, the following statement in connexion with the recent Israeli attack on the Iraqi nuclear reactor near Baghdad:

"Excellency,

It was with deep shock and indignation that I heard the news about the bombing and the destruction of your country's nuclear installations by Israel. In their arrogance, the Israeli Leaders have shamelessly invoked frivolous pretexts to justify their action.

No pretext whatsoever can justify the barbaric and criminal Israeli action which we in Zambia most strongly condemn. Israel has once again brazenly violated international law. State terrorism, as repeatedly committed by Israel, ought to be a source of grave international concern. It heightens tensions in the Middle East, a volatile part of the world, and constitutes a serious threat to international peace and security.

The friends and allies of Israel have the duty to restrain the Tel-aviv regime in its aggressive actions and instil a sense of realism in its outlook. The core of the conflict in the Middle East remains the question of Palestine. The pre-requisite for Israel to live in conditions of peace and security is its recognition for the inalienable rights of the Palestine people. Wanton and unprovoked acts of aggression against independent and sovereign Arab States in the region are but scapegoats which can only prolong the conflict in the Middle East.

I convey to you, my dear brother, the unflinching solidarity of the Party and its Government as well as the people of Zambia as a whole."

It would be greatly appreciated if the above message could be circulated as a Security Council document.

(Signed) Kasuka S. MUTUKWA
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Permanent Representative