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LETTER DATED 15 JUNE 1981 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF
CZECHOSLOVAKIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT
OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit to you a statement issued by the Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic in connexion with the attack on the Iraqi Osirak Atomic Research Centre by Israeli war planes on 7 June 1981.

I should be grateful if you could have the text of the statement circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Ilja HULINSKÝ
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex

Statement dated 11 June 1981 of the Federal Ministry of Foreign
Affairs of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic regarding the
Israeli air attack against Iraq

The Czechoslovak People and the Government of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic are deeply disquieted by and indignant at the new aggressive act of Israel against the Republic of Iraq. The pirate attack of the Israeli Air Force against the Iraqi centre of nuclear research is in sharp contradiction with the Charter of the United Nations and with the fundamental norms of international law and has again confirmed to the whole world the extremely dangerous role which the present Israeli Government plays in the tense situation in the Middle East. This inexcusable and unprovoked act of aggression of Israel against a sovereign State requires the most resolute condemnation by the entire world community and the adoption of effective practical measures which would, for good, prevent Israel from continuing its dangerous aggressive and expansionist policy towards the neighbouring Arab States, seriously threatening world peace and security.

Complicity in this act falls also on the United States of America without the political support and military assistance of which Israel would be unable to carry out similar gangster actions which the Israeli Government demagogically excuses by the need for "preventive protection of Israel".

This barbarous act of Israeli rulers is an unprecedented example of arrogance towards the most elementary norms of the international law, which can be qualified in no other way than international terrorism elevated to official state policy.

The Czechoslovak Socialist Republic resolutely condemns the flagrant aggressive act of Israel which yet further deteriorates and sharpens the explosive situation in the region of the Middle East and could lead to the unleashing of a broad war conflagration.

The Czechoslovak Socialist Republic joins the wide wave of protests of the world public, which rightly resolutely condemns this act, and believes that peace-loving States of the whole world will draw necessary conclusions from this act for their position towards Israel. The Czechoslovak Socialist Republic demands that the United Nations Security Council condemn Israel most resolutely and take decision regarding the imposition of sanctions against the aggressor under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations.
