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OF POLAND TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to transmit herewith a statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Polish People's Republic issued on 11 June 1981 in connexion with the attack on the Iraqi Atomic Research Centre by Israeli warplanes 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) Piotr FREYBERG
Acting Permanent Representative

Annex

STATEMENT OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE
POLISH PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC ISSUED ON 11 JUNE 1981 IN
CONNEXION WITH THE ISRAELI AIR ATTACK AGAINST IRAQ

The bombing by Israeli warplanes of the Iraqi nuclear centre near Baghdad constitutes an unprecedented act of terrorism and international piracy. It is yet another successive act of open aggression that cannot be justified at all. This act forcefully proves that the Israeli authorities have not departed even for a moment from their longstanding arrogant policy of diktat towards the Arab countries. The policy of adventurism of the Israeli authorities has been for years making impossible the finding of a lasting and just solution of the Middle East crisis, a solution responding also to the vital interests of the Israeli nation itself. The act of aggression against Iraq is directly contributing to a further exceptionally serious aggravation of the situation in the Middle East, already threatening, as it does, a conflagration at any moment.

The arguments of the Israeli authorities concerning the alleged threat to Israel's security are groundless and cannot deceive anybody. The nuclear centre under construction in Iraq is not - as the authorities of that country have repeatedly stated - intended to serve military purposes. This is also confirmed by the declarations of experts of the International Atomic Energy Agency, under the control of which Iraq, a State party to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, has placed its nuclear development programme.

Israel, on the other hand, which has for years been in the possession of nuclear reactors, has not acceded to the aforementioned Treaty.

Polish public opinion, Polish society and the Polish Government condemn with indignation this act of open aggression, constituting a violation of all norms of international law, and lay the burden of responsibility for all its consequences on the Israeli authorities and those forces which aid and abet it in its aggressive policy.
