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YEMEN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY
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I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of the statement from an
official source at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Democratic
Republic of Yemen, on 10 June 1981 concerning the Israeli air attack on the nuclear
reactor in Iraq.

I kindly request that this letter be circulated as a document of the Security
Council.

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Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex

An official source at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs announced the following:

The Government of the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen received the news of the air attack on the nuclear reactor in sisterly Iraq by the zionist air force, with utmost concern. It, consequently, voices its condemnation and denunciation of this treacherous attack, which is an extension of the recurring aggressive practices by the zionist entity against the Arab States and peoples, exemplified by its constant barbaric acts in sisterly Lebanon, Palestine, and the naked threat of aggression against steadfast Syria and the principal confrontation front with the zionist enemy.

By this criminal aggression, the zionist enemy reflects its determination to prevent the Arab States from possessing the means of modernization and advancement; it seeks, furthermore, to keep them underdeveloped, so that it can preserve for itself the scientific, technical, and military superiority and utilize it in attacking and dominating the Arab nation.

Without the support of the United States of America, the principal ally, the active backer of continuous multidimensional terroristic acts, aimed at the liquidation of the Palestinian and the Arab issue, the imposition of the Camp David agreements, installation of hostile military bases in the Arab world, the formation of the Rapid Deployment Force, and the threat to occupy the region, the zionist enemy could not have had the audacity to attack sisterly Iraq or organize air, land, and sea borne military campaigns aimed at the will of the Palestinian people, partition of Lebanon, and the threat to military attack in Syria.

The Government of the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen vehemently condemns this criminal act launched by the zionist enemy and considers it a breach of the premises and principles of international law, and regards it as the most serious threat to international peace and security in the Middle East region as well as in the world.

The Government of the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen calls upon the League of Arab States, the United Nations, the Non-Aligned Movement, and world public opinion to condemn this savage act and take all relevant measures to prevent the zionist enemy from conducting similar acts, and foil the treasonous Camp David Agreement once and for all.

Aden, June 10, 1981
