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Items 30 and 55 of the preliminary list\*  
THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST  
REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO  
INVESTIGATE ISRAELI PRACTICES AFFECTING  
THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF THE POPULATION OF  
THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES

SECURITY COUNCIL  
Thirty-third year

Letter dated 11 April 1978 from the Chargé d'Affaires a.i.  
of the Permanent Mission of Morocco to the United Nations  
addressed to the Secretary-General

On orders from my Government, I have the honour to draw your attention to the fate which the Israeli illegal occupation authorities in Jerusalem intend to reserve for the Zaouia Aboul Ghaouth and the mosque attached to it, which are part of the Moroccan Wakf foundations, under the ignoble Israeli policy of Judaization of the Holy City.

The fact is that the above-mentioned Zaouia and mosque, situated near the west wall of the Aqsa, have constituted the main obstacle to the plan for the complete Judaization of the neighbouring Moslem quarters. The latest attempt to which the illegal occupation authorities have had recourse with a view to the realization of their criminal plan is the announcement concerning the building of a road which would run through the Zaouia and the mosque in question.

It goes without saying that the destruction of these two historic monuments which have always been a religious refuge for Moroccan pilgrims over a period of several centuries constitutes a grave violation of international law and of the relevant resolutions of the Security Council and the General Assembly on the status of Jerusalem, as well as of the decisions of UNESCO concerning the need to safeguard the Islamic cultural aspects of the Holy City.

I request you, Sir, to intervene as quickly as possible with the Government of Israel so that it will refrain from carrying out its plan to open a road through

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the Zaouia and the Aboul Ghaouth mosque and thus to destroy these two historic monuments which are, moreover, the property of the Moroccan Wakf.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under items 30 and 55 of the preliminary list and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Mohamed Saleh ZAIMI  
Chargé d'Affaires a.i.

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