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PERMANENT MISSION OF MALAYSIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE
PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of the statement issued on
16 December 1981 by the Honourable Minister of Foreign Affairs of Malaysia,
Tan Sri Haji Mohamed Ghazali Shafie, concerning the decision of the Israeli
Parliament to annex the Golan Heights.

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

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Annex

Statement by the Honourable Minister of Foreign Affairs of Malaysia,
Tan Sri Haji Mohamed Ghazali Shafie, concerning the decision of the
Israeli Parliament to annex the Golan Heights on 16 December 1981

Malaysia strongly condemns the recent Israeli action to formally annex, through an act of Parliament, the Syrian territory of Golan Heights which it has occupied since the June 1967 Arab-Israeli war. The Israeli action is, indeed, part and parcel of its policy of systematic acts of aggression, terrorism and expansionism, and one intended to lead the west Asian region, in particular, and the world at large to greater instability and turmoil. The latest action has been timed so as to undermine whatever existing goodwill there is and current efforts on the part of the international community to find a peaceful settlement of the west Asian conflict. In fact, Israeli behaviour and actions since its creation by the United Nations have only proved to the world that it is the most destabilizing factor in west Asia. Malaysia strongly supports the United Nations Security Council deliberation of this matter and will go along with all efforts in dealing with this dangerous threat to international peace and security.
