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THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST

REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE  
STRENGTHENING OF INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

Note verbale dated 14 December 1981 from the Permanent Mission  
of Cuba to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations, as Chairman of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries, presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to request him to circulate the attached communiqués on the situation in Central America and the Caribbean (annex I) and on the situation in the Middle East (annex II), adopted at the plenary meetings of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries held in New York on 14 December 1981, as an official document of the General Assembly under the items entitled "The situation in the Middle East" and "Review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security".

The Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations as Chairman of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries, takes this opportunity to renew to the Secretary-General the assurances of its highest consideration.

ANNEX I

Communiqué on the situation in Central America and the Caribbean  
adopted at the plenary meeting of the Movement of Non-Aligned  
Countries held in New York on 14 December 1981

A meeting of the Plenary of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries was convened at the request of the representative of Nicaragua. It heard a statement by the representative of Nicaragua with regard to the situation in Central America and the Caribbean.

Taking into account this statement and the views expressed by other representatives, as well as the available information, the Meeting expressed concern about the gravity of the general situation in the region and appealed to all States, within as well as outside the region, to refrain from any interference in the internal or external affairs of independent countries in that region.

In this context, the Meeting recalled the duty of all States to adhere to the principles of non-intervention and non-interference, non-use of force or threat of use of force in international relations, peaceful settlement of disputes between States, as well as the duty to respect the right of all peoples to choose their own political, economic and social systems, and to refrain from causing tension among States in detriment of regional and international peace and security.

ANNEX II

Communiqué on the situation in the Middle East adopted at the plenary meeting of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries held in New York on 14 December 1981

The Plenary of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries, held on December 14, 1981, having listened to the statement by the representative of the Syrian Arab Republic with regard to the gravity of the situation in the Middle East resulting from the Israeli Cabinet decision to impose the Israeli law on the occupied Golan Heights with the aim of their annexation, expresses its deepest concern about the Israeli expansionist and annexationist policies in the occupied Golan Heights, and reaffirms that the acquisition of territory by force is inadmissible under international law. The Plenary condemns this new Israeli act which flagrantly violates the Charter of the United Nations, international law, and the Fourth Geneva Convention of 1949, as well as all relevant U.N. resolutions.

The Plenary expresses its solidarity with the government and people of the Syrian Arab Republic in their efforts to defend their sovereignty and territorial integrity against the Israeli expansionist and annexationist policies in the occupied Golan Heights.

The Non-Aligned Countries supported the initiative of the Syrian Arab Republic to request the urgent convening of a meeting of the Security Council to consider this grave illegal act by Israel.

The Non-Aligned Countries call upon the Security Council to take the appropriate measures in order to restore full sovereignty of the Syrian Arab Republic over all its occupied territories.