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SECURITY COUNCIL  
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Letter dated 27 January 1982 from the Permanent Representative of  
Jordan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to bring to your attention the transfer of the Israeli Ministry of Housing to East Jerusalem on 30 December 1981. Israel has already either confiscated or built several buildings for governmental offices and ministries, one of which is a compound for the Israeli Prime Ministry.

It goes without saying that such actions come in complete contradiction to Security Council and General Assembly resolutions regarding the status of the Holy City. At the same time, they further aggravate an already explosive situation in the Middle East.

I would greatly appreciate it if the enclosed letter could be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under the items entitled "The situation in the Middle East" and "Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Population of the Occupied Territories", and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Hazem NUSEIBEH  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative

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Letter dated 12 January 1982 from the Minister for Occupied Territories  
Affairs to the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Jordan

The newspaper Al Quds for 31 December 1981 carried a report from the Israeli newspaper Ma'ariv that senior officials of the Israeli Ministry of Housing moved, on 30 December, to the Ministry's new offices located in Sheikh Jarrah in Arab Jerusalem. They were headed by the Deputy Minister, Moshe Kasab. Other Government buildings have been erected in the district, including the premises for the Office of the Prime Minister, to which Begin does not wish to move at this stage and the premises for the Office of Public Works and the Ministry of Agriculture.

(Signed) Hasan IBRAHIM  
Minister for Occupied Territories Affairs

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