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Letter dated 18 May 1982 from the Permanent Representative of Jordan
to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour, upon instructions from my Government, to bring to your attention the decision of the Government of Costa Rica to transfer its embassy to the city of Jerusalem. This decision is in flagrant violation of Security Council resolution 478 (1980) of 20 August 1980, which, in its operative paragraph 5, states:

"5. Decides not to recognize the 'basic law' and such other actions by Israel that, as a result of this law, seek to alter the character and status of Jerusalem and calls upon:

- (a) All Member States to accept this decision;
- (b) Those States that have established diplomatic missions at Jerusalem to withdraw such missions from the Holy City;"

The decision of the Government of Costa Rica to transfer its embassy to Jerusalem is, needless to state, in violation of Article 25 of the Charter of the United Nations which states:

"The Members of the United Nations agree to accept and carry out the decisions of the Security Council in accordance with the present Charter."

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I request, Your Excellency, that this letter be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under item 34 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Hazem NUSEIBEH
Ambassador
Permanent Representative