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Note verbale dated 21 May 1982 from the Permanent Representative of
Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Representative of the Republic of Iraq, current Chairman of the Islamic Conference, presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to bring to his attention the decision of the Government of Costa Rica, taken on 9 May 1982, to transfer its Embassy in Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

Such a decision constitutes a grave, blatant violation of United Nations resolutions, in particular Security Council resolution 478 (1980), which, in paragraph 5 (b), called upon "those States that have established diplomatic missions at Jerusalem to withdraw such missions from the Holy City".

The Permanent Representative of Iraq, requests that this note be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under item 34 of the preliminary list and of the Security Council.

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Communiqué dated 19 May 1982 issued by the Organization
of the Islamic Conference

Members of the Organization of the Islamic Conference held an emergency meeting on 19 May 1982 to consider the decision of the Government of Costa Rica to transfer its Embassy from Tel Aviv to Al-Quds Al-Sharif (Jerusalem).

The members of the Organization of the Islamic Conference expressed their great regret and grave concern over this decision, which constitutes a flagrant violation of United Nations resolutions, in particular Security Council resolution 478 (1980) of 20 August 1980, which, in paragraph 5 (b), called upon "those States that have established diplomatic missions at Jerusalem to withdraw such missions from the Holy City".

The members of the Organization of the Islamic Conference consider the decision of the Government of Costa Rica as unfriendly and an act of provocation towards the Islamic world.

By implementing this decision, the Government of Costa Rica will not only be violating Article 25 of the Charter of the United Nations, but also will be supporting Israel's illegal annexation of the Holy City.

Such a decision encourages Israel policies of aggression and expansion in the occupied Arab territory, especially as it comes at a time when the international community is outraged by Israel's latest brutal and inhumane treatment of the Palestinian people under military occupation.

Members of the Organization of the Islamic Conference none the less hope that the Costa Rican Government will reconsider its decision, if only out of respect for the principles of justice and compliance with United Nations resolutions, and, particularly, in order to maintain the multiple and solid relations between the Moslem world and Costa Rica.
