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THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to forward the following statement made by Mr. Chedli Klibi, Secretary-General of the League of Arab States, issued in Tunis, Tunisia, concerning the decision of the Government of Costa Rica to transfer its embassy in Israel to Jerusalem.

Needless to emphasize that such a decision constitutes a grave violation of Security Council resolution 478 (1980) of 20 August 1980, which, in operative paragraph 5 (b), calls upon

"(b) Those States that have established diplomatic missions at Jerusalem to withdraw such missions from the Holy City".

The following is the statement of the Secretary-General of the League of Arab States:

"The decision of the Government of Costa Rica to transfer its embassy to Jerusalem constitutes an act of provocation towards the Arab States and a stark violation of United Nations resolutions and of international law. It is, furthermore, an act of support for aggression and occupation, totally inconsistent with the principles for which the Costa Rican people, as well as all the people of Latin America, have constantly fought.

"While expressing its deep regret, the General Secretariat of the League of Arab States holds this decision to be detrimental to the relations of friendship between the Arab States and Costa Rica.

"It, nonetheless, hopes 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 ties between the Arab States and Costa Rica."

I request Your Excellency, that this letter be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Permanent Representative