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OF EGYPT TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE
SECURITY COUNCIL

In the wake of the adoption of Security Council resolution 528 on 21 December 1982, which includes Arabic among the official and working languages of the Security Council, I wish to extend my congratulations to Your Excellency and the Council members on your unanimity in this regard.

The Arab States, particularly Egypt, have striven for the attainment of the lofty goal of including Arabic, the language spoken by millions of people and dozens of Member and non-Member States of the United Nations, in the proceedings of the esteemed Security Council. Today, we are gratified to see that our efforts have been crowned with success.

We are confident that the inclusion of Arabic among the official and working languages will contribute a more profound understanding and peace among peoples and help State representatives to express their views in their mother tongue - one of the noble objectives on which the United Nations structure is founded and which are provided for in the United Nations Charter.

We are also confident that your resolution will help to acquaint Arabic-speaking peoples with the United Nations, its objectives, its Charter, and all its activities. It will also enhance the United Nations goals and principles and both the material and moral support of these peoples for those goals and principles.

Once again, Mr. President, I extend my congratulations to you and the Council members on the adoption of this great resolution, and request that this letter be circulated as an official document of the Security Council.

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Permanent Representative of Egypt
to the United Nations