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LETTER DATED 16 FEBRUARY 1983 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF
MONGOLIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of a message from
H.E. Mr. Tsedenbal, President of the Presidium of the Great People's Khural of the
Mongolian People's Republic addressed to H.E. Mr. Khaled Al-Fahoum, Chairman of the
National Council of Palestine.

I should be grateful if you could arrange for the circulation of the message
as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) T. NARKHUU
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex

Message dated 15 February 1983 from Y. Tsedenbal, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Mongolian People's Revolutionary Party and Chairman of the Presidium of the Great People's Khural of the Mongolian People's Republic, to Mr. Khaled Al-Fahoum, Chairman of the National Council of Palestine

Your forum is being held at a time of increasing aggressiveness on the part of Israel and its imperialistic protectors, further aggravation of the situation in the Near East and worsening of the prospects for a solution of the Palestinian question in the true interests of the Arab people of Palestine. The monstrous crimes committed by Israel on Lebanese soil, in the Palestinian camps of Sabra and Shatila, have visibly demonstrated to an outraged world the criminal nature of the so-called "strategic co-operation" between Tel Aviv and Washington.

Thanks to the heroism and self-sacrifice of the Palestinian fighters, the Israeli aggressors and their United States accomplices have been thwarted in their principal aim of destroying the Palestinian people as a nation, annihilating the Palestine Liberation Organization and closing the Palestinian question forever. The forces of the Palestinian resistance movement under the leadership of the PLO and its recognized leader Yasser Arafat have gained a major moral and political victory; their international prestige has grown even greater, and support for the Palestinian people's struggle for its legitimate rights is becoming more widespread.

However, recent events indicate that the Israeli aggressors and their protectors are attempting by every possible means to attain their goal of nullifying the Palestinian question. What they were not able to do with fire and sword they are now trying to attain by means of the so-called "Reagan plan".

With that same goal in view, Tel Aviv and Washington are striving by threats and blackmail to force the Camp David conditions on Lebanon, and they are making plans to escalate military activity against other Arab countries, including the Syrian Arab Republic. Washington is openly endeavouring to expand its military presence in the Near East.

But no aggressive wars and no threats can shake the will and determination of the valiant people of Palestine to gain its inalienable rights.

The Government of the Mongolian People's Republic and the Mongolian people consistently support the struggle of the Palestinian people for the attainment of its inalienable rights and the achievement of national independence. They believe that an all-inclusive and just settlement in the Near East is possible only on the basis of the total withdrawal of Israeli troops from all the Arab territories occupied since 1967 and the realization of the legitimate right of the Arab people of Palestine to establish its own independent State. Such a settlement can be

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attained only through negotiations with the participation of all parties concerned, including the Palestine Liberation Organization, the sole legitimate representative of the Arab people of Palestine.

I wish to express my conviction that the present session of the National Council of Palestine will strengthen even further the unity and solidarity of the ranks of the Palestinian resistance movement and of the progressive and peace-loving forces of the Arab world in the face of the growing efforts of imperialist and Zionist forces and that it will be an important milestone in the struggle of the Palestinian people for the realization of its national rights and for a just settlement of the Near Eastern problem.
