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LETTER DATED 18 JULY 1983 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES OF  
DEMOCRATIC YEMEN, THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN, THE LIBYAN ARAB  
JAMAHIRIYA AND THE SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC TO THE UNITED NATIONS  
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

We wish to refer to the announcement issued during the first week of July 1983 by the United States Government concerning the manoeuvres to be held by the United States rapid intervention forces in the Middle East and Africa in August 1983. We draw your attention to the fact that this action on the part of a major Power constitutes a serious danger to the security and independence of the peoples and States of the regions and is regarded as direct intervention in their internal affairs.

The basic goal of the creation of the above-mentioned forces is to terrorize and subdue peoples, to strengthen régimes friendly to the United States Government, to impose its political and economic hegemony, to support imperialist monopolies and to sow disunity and division among neighbouring peoples and States, in order to facilitate domination over them.

We condemn the existence of these forces, which, in itself, constitutes a flagrant violation of the Charter of the United Nations, the principles of international law and the principles of the Non-Aligned Movement and is liable to encourage other States to form similar forces for intervention in the affairs of smaller States, which would contribute to the heightening of the international tension which the United Nations is striving to reduce.

The United States' creation of these forces and their assignment to carry out repeated provocative manoeuvres thousands of miles from their country is regarded as a hostile act against the peoples and States of the region and a direct threat to their sovereignty. It represents a part of the United States policy based on aggression and intervention in the affairs of other States on the pretext of safeguarding their interests. The United States thereby demonstrates its relinquishment of its responsibilities as a permanent member of the Security Council, one of whose basic functions is the safeguarding of international peace and security.

In drawing the attention of the Security Council to the danger of these provocations and threats and the results arising therefrom, we warn the international community of the consequences of the United States persistence in its policy of aggression towards small States; the United States persistence in the holding of these manoeuvres will lead only to a heightening of tension in the region and the disruption of international peace and security.

We should be grateful if you would arrange for this letter to be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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