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Letter dated 17 October 1988 from the representatives of Algeria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Benin, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, the Comoros, Cuba, Democratic Yemen, Djibouti, the Gambia, Guinea, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malaysia, Mauritania, Morocco, Nicaragua, the Niger, Oman, Pakistan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Somalia, the Sudan, the Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, the United Arab Emirates, Viet Nam and Yemen to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

We, the undersigned, in our capacity as representatives of our Governments and on their behalf, have the honour to bring to your attention the reservations of our Governments, peoples and countries concerning the credentials of the Israeli delegatio.. to the forty-third session of the General Assembly.

1. We wish to underline Israel's continued defiance, and flagrant and persistent violation of the Charter of the United Nations and the principles of international law as well as its contempt for and its consistent violation of the resolutions of the United Nations relating to the question of Palestine and the situation in the Middle East.
2. Israel remains defiant in its refusal to implement resolutions of the Security Council and the General Assembly concerning the status of Jerusalem which it has illegally annexed in the aftermath of its illegal occupation and declared as its capital. Furthermore, as evidence of its continued contempt for the United Nations resolutions, it has once again submitted its credentials, issued in the City of Jerusalem, thus flouting relevant General Assembly resolutions, in particular resolution 35/169 E of 15 December 1980, which, inter alia, determined that all legislative and administrative measures and actions taken by Israel, the occupying

Power, which have altered or purport to alter the character and status of the Holy City of Jerusalem, and, in particular, the "Basic Law" on Jerusalem and the proclamation of Jerusalem as the capital of Israel, are null and void and must be rescinded forthwith, and urged all States, specialized agencies and other international organizations not to conduct any business which is not in conformity with the provisions contained therein.

3. Israel has refused to implement the relevant resolutions of the Security Council and the General Assembly calling upon it to annul forthwith its decision of 14 December 1981 to impose its laws, jurisdiction and administration on the Syrian Golan Heights.

4. Israel has continued systematically to refuse the implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations relating to the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people to self-determination and to the establishment of their own independent State in Palestine, and has continued its illegal occupation of the Palestinian territories, including the Holy City of Jerusalem. The brutal and inhuman policies and practices of Israel in its efforts to suppress the national unarmed uprising of the Palestinian people in the occupied territories against Israeli occupation, which have resulted in the murder of hundreds of Palestinians, injuries to many more, mass detentions, deportations, blowing up of Palestinian houses, and economic blockade are further testimony of the Israeli determination to maintain its occupation through terror and have fully exposed its designs.

5. Israel continues to reject the relevant resolutions of the Security Council and the General Assembly declaring illegal its policy of establishing settlements which constitutes an obstacle to peace and uses this policy to consolidate its control over the occupied Arab and Palestinian territories, to alter their geographical, demographic, cultural and social character and to create a situation of fait accompli, as attested to by its oppressive policies and practices, culminating in the imposition of emergency laws, with the objective of the application of administrative detention and deportation, and to forcibly uproot and displace the legitimate inhabitants of the occupied Palestinian territories. This policy contravenes the spirit and the letter of the fourth Geneva Convention of 1949 to which Israel is a party.

6. Israel systematically resorts to intimidation and the use of force in the name of pre-emptive action, hot pursuit and security, and to biblical and other fallacious arguments to extend its supremacy over the neighbouring Arab countries.

7. The General Assembly has already stated in its resolution ES-9/1 of 5 February 1982 that the measures taken in the past by Israel and its actions confirm that it is not a peaceloving State and that it has not fulfilled its obligations under the Charter, nor its commitments under General Assembly resolution 273 (III) of 11 May 1949.

The undersigned reserve the right to raise this question at the appropriate time and request you to circulate the present letter as an official document of the General Assembly under agenda item 3.

Signed by the following:

Algeria  
Bahrain  
Bangladesh  
Benin  
Brunei Darussalam  
Burkina Faso  
Comoros  
Cuba  
Democratic Yemen  
Djibouti  
Gambia  
Guinea  
Indonesia  
Iran (Islamic Republic of)  
Iraq  
Jordan  
Kuwait  
Lao People's Democratic Republic  
Lebanon

Libyan Arab Jamahiriya  
Malaysia  
Mauritania  
Morocco  
Nicaragua  
Niger  
Oman  
Pakistan  
Qatar  
Saudi Arabia  
Senegal  
Somalia  
Sudan  
Syrian Arab Republic  
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