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Letter dated 30 November 1973 from the Permanent Representatives  
of Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand  
to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

We have the honour to transmit to Your Excellency the enclosed statement on the Middle East question, issued in Jakarta on 27 November 1973 by H.E. Mr. Adam Malik, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Indonesia, acting on behalf of the member countries of the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN).

We would kindly request that this letter and the enclosed statement be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly and the Security Council.

(Signed)

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ANNEX

Statement on the Middle East question

In view of the situation created by the prolonged Middle East conflict, of its implications and effects on world peace and the livelihood of the peoples of the developing countries in general and of the present efforts seriously being undertaken towards an immediate peaceful solution of this problem, which clearly require a wide support, it is deemed necessary to issue the following statement:

1. The ASEAN member countries firmly believe and emphatically stress the urgent need to prevent the deterioration of the situation and to establish a just and lasting solution in conformity with the United Nations Charter and Security Council resolution 242 (1967) and other related United Nations resolutions.

2. The continuing occupation of the territories seized during the 1967 conflict and subsequent measures taken by Israel to consolidate its control run counter to the spirit and letter of existing United Nations resolutions.

3. The ASEAN member countries deeply deplore and vigorously condemn the acts of territorial expansion by force, in blatant violation of the principles and norms in international relations.

4. The ASEAN member countries strongly urge that the lawful rights of the Palestine people be fully respected and restored.

On behalf of ASEAN member countries

Adam MALIK  
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Jakarta, 27 November 1973

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