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LETTER DATED 8 OCTOBER 1973 FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO  
THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I am conveying to you herewith a message which I have received from the Prime Minister of Pakistan, Mr. Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, relating to the Middle East situation:

"Excellency,

The state of 'No War, no peace' which has been allowed to prevail in the Middle East has failed to prevent a renewal of hostilities. It has plunged the region into yet another armed conflict. The United Nations Security Council should no longer evade its grave responsibility for the restoration of peace. It would not be enough to call for a cease-fire. The Security Council must take immediate measures to have the occupied Arab territories vacated without further delay. It must implement its resolution 242 of 1967. Failure to do so is fraught with serious and far-reaching consequences for the whole world."

(Signed) Kurt WALDHEIM

