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THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I am conveying to you herewith a message which I have received from the President of the Democratic and Popular Republic of Algeria, Mr. Houari Boumediene, relating to the Middle East situation:

"The troubled situation in the Middle East has again escalated with the aggression which has just been perpetrated by Israel against the Egyptian Arab Republic and the Syrian Arab Republic.

"The responsibility for these extremely grave events rests with Israel because of its policy of force, annexation and expansion in defiance of the principles and resolutions of the Charter of the United Nations and the inalienable right of the Palestinian people to self-determination. Israel's persistence in defying the international community and the United Nations and refusing to evacuate the territories occupied by force calls for energetic and concrete measures on the part of the United Nations.

"In my capacity as President of the fourth Conference of Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries I consider it my duty to draw your attention to the decisions we have adopted on the Middle East. The Conference has decided to take the initiative of requesting that political and economic measures be taken within the framework of the United Nations, in co-operation with the States Members of the Organization, against the Israeli aggressors in accordance with Chapter VII of the Charter.

"We believe that the time has come for the United Nations to exercise its responsibility and to do everything in its power to restore just and lasting peace in the region once and for all. The attitude of the non-aligned countries towards the Middle East reflects the aspirations of the majority of men throughout the world, and I am convinced that it will be echoed in the Organization."

(Signed) Kurt WALDHEIM

