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OF THE UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO
THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to bring to your urgent attention the following:

The Israeli occupying forces in Gaza have subjected Miss Fatma Abdel Fattah El-Niguely, a citizen of the United Arab Republic and a member of the staff of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East to illegal arrest and arbitrary trial.

An Israeli military court imposed on her a sentence of imprisonment in flagrant disregard of the immunity from jurisdiction which she enjoys as an official of the United Nations in accordance with Article 105 of the Charter of the United Nations and article V, section 18, of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations.

The persecution and arbitrary and illegal measures committed by the Israeli authorities against Miss El-Niguely, whose only crime in the eyes of the Israeli occupying authorities is the humanitarian and noble aid she renders as a nurse to her fellow inhabitants of Gaza suffering under the ruthless Israeli oppression, are furthermore a violation of the Geneva Convention of 1949.

This latest violation by Israel of the norms of civilized conduct has extended the scope of Israeli violations to include the disregard for the status and immunities of the officials of the United Nations whose protection the United Nations has the duty to ensure.

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The United Arab Republic Government would like to elicit your Excellency's assistance in facilitating the prompt respect of the rights of Miss El-Niguely.

I have the honour to request the circulation of this letter as an official document of the Security Council and the General Assembly.

Please accept, etc.

(Signed) Mohamed Hassan EL-ZAYYAT
Permanent Representative
of the United Arab Republic to the
United Nations
