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LETTER DATED 7 JUNE 1967 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF PHILIPPINES
ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to inform you that the Government of the Republic of the Philippines has issued the following statement on the conflict in the Middle East:

"The Philippines views with concern the outbreak of hostilities in the Middle East and vigorously supports the United Nations and other agencies concerned with the maintenance of international peace and security in working for a ceasefire.

"The Philippines likewise joins other nations in appealing for a cessation of hostilities and the settlement of differences between the contending parties by peaceful means.

"The Philippines also endorses the proposal of Pope Paul VI to declare Jerusalem an open city in order to protect places in the Holy City which are sacred to all religions."

I would like to request you to have this letter circulated as a Security Council document.

Accept, etc.

(Signed) Salvador P. LOPEZ
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
Permanent Representative