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LETTER DATED 5 OCTOBER 1965 ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE
SECURITY COUNCIL FROM THE REPRESENTATIVES OF ALGERIA, IRAQ,
JORDAN, KUWAIT, LEBANON, LIBYA, MOROCCO, SAUDI ARABIA, SUFAN,
SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC, UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC AND THE ARAB REPUBLIC
OF YEMEN

1. On instructions from our respective Governments, we have the honour to bring to the attention of the Security Council, the very grave situation prevailing at present in the Occupied South - Aden and Aden Protectorates.
2. On 25 September 1965, the British Government suspended the Aden Constitution and dismissed the Council of Ministers of Aden, headed by Mr. Abdul Qawee Mackawee. Aden is now ruled directly by the British High Commissioner, and the state of emergency, which has been in existence for nearly two years, has now been intensified. These arbitrary measures are contrary to the provisions of the United Nations Charter, the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, and the resolutions of the General Assembly and the Special Committee of Twenty-Four.
3. On 11 December 1965, the General Assembly, in its resolution 1949 (XVIII), expressed its deep concern "at the deteriorating situation in the territory, the continuation of which is likely to lead to serious unrest and to threaten international peace and security". The refusal of the British Government to implement this resolution, and the continuation of military operations against the inhabitants of the territory led the Special Committee on the Situation with Regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples to adopt a resolution, (A/AC.109/116) on 17 May 1965, which deplored the actions and policies of the administering authorities and drew "the attention of the Security Council to the grave situation prevailing in the territory". The text of the resolution was transmitted to the Security Council by the Chairman of the Special Committee on 19 May 1965, who drew the attention of the Council to paragraph 11, quoted above (S/6368).

4. The recent measures taken by the British Government against the people of the territory must therefore be considered as an act of open defiance against the United Nations and a deliberate attempt to consolidate colonial rule and to deny the people their fundamental rights to freedom and self-determination.

5. Moreover, the British Government has refused to consider the liquidation of its large military base in Aden and has recently reinforced its forces in the territory, while the General Assembly in its resolution 1949 (XVIII) considered "that the maintenance of the military base in Aden is prejudicial to the security of the region and that its early removal is therefore desirable". Recent events have proven that the existence of this base not only conflicts with the people's wishes but also threatens peace and security in the whole region. Therefore its removal is necessary and essential.

6. In view of the foregoing, it is clear that the situation in the territory constitutes now a grave threat to international peace and security which requires the urgent attention of the Security Council.

We request that this letter be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

Please accept, etc.

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