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LETTER DATED 28 OCTOBER 1983 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE  
OF DEMOCRATIC YEMEN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE  
PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of the statement issued by the  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen on  
26 October 1983, regarding the United States military invasion against Grenada.

I should be grateful if you would arrange for this note to be circulated as a  
document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Abdalla Saleh AL-ASHTAL  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative

Annex

Text of the statement by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of  
the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen on developments  
in the situation in Grenada

The People's Democratic Republic of Yemen has been following developments in the situation in Grenada with extreme concern, since the execution of the former Prime Minister, Maurice Bishop, followed by the arrival of invading United States troops in the morning of Tuesday, 25 October 1983, the landing of United States marines on the shores of Grenada and the occupation by these forces of the principal government positions on the pretext of saving the lives of foreign civilians and restoring security and stability, at the request of certain Caribbean States whose forces made a token contribution to this invasion. These pretexts have no legal basis in international relations and can only be regarded as a return to former colonialist policies.

The People's Democratic Republic of Yemen condemns this colonialist armed invasion of the Republic of Grenada, which it views as the continuation of a series of United States interventions in the internal affairs of the countries in Central America and the Caribbean, which have taken the form of political, economic and military pressure which the United States is exerting in the context of its hostile activities and plots against the two progressive régimes of Cuba and Nicaragua, in order to crush the struggle of the peoples of Latin America against dictatorships and fascism.

What is happening at present in the Republic of Grenada is only one episode in a series of hostile acts by United States imperialism, of a pattern and type reproduced in various parts of the world, especially in the Middle East and Western Europe, where the United States and its allies are adopting a policy of hostility and expansion for the purpose of spreading disturbances, accelerating the arms race, producing and stockpiling nuclear weapons and emplacing missiles in Europe, thus creating the threat of a deadly nuclear catastrophe which would completely wipe out human civilization.

In the Middle East, the United States is continuing openly to support Israel's policy of aggression and expansion and to encourage that country to occupy Lebanese land. It is also flagrantly plotting against the rights of the Palestinian people and the vital interests of our Arab peoples through its fixed and mobile military bases in order to re-establish colonial domination over the Arab region and to suppress the Arab national liberation movement. These facts oblige the Arab peoples and their progressive national forces resolutely to oppose that country's penetration of the Arab region and its plans for aggression and expansion.

The People's Democratic Republic of Yemen most strongly condemns the colonialist aggression of the United States against Grenada. It proclaims its militant solidarity with the Grenadian people, who are fighting against imperialism to defend their freedom and sovereignty over their territory, and it appeals to the Governments and peoples of the world, and to peace-loving forces, to condemn this aggression and extend to the Grenadian people all possible assistance and support.

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The People's Democratic Republic of Yemen also expects the Security Council and the General Assembly to condemn this armed aggression and ensure the speedy evacuation of the United States forces from Grenadian territory. It also asks them to guarantee the freedom of the Grenadian people freely to choose their own course of development in accordance with the United Nations Charter.

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26 October 1983

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