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THE SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO
THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to enclose the translation of the statement made on 16 May 1972 by the official spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Syrian Arab Republic, on the American aggression in Viet-Nam.

I would be grateful if steps could kindly be taken to circulate the statement as an official Security Council document.

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Ambassador
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Enclosure

At a time that the struggle of the forces of liberation in South Viet-Nam gains in intensity, and the heroic Viet-Nameese people sets the most brilliant example of bravery and sacrifice against a foreign intruding aggressor and a subservient régime at whose disposal colonialism put all its forces and capabilities, American colonialism intensifies its ferocity, its obstinacy and its violence. Not content with bombing heavily populated cities and showering millions of tons of bombs on the Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam, American colonialism resorts to mining the Tonkin Gulf and the Viet-Nameese ports, with the open purpose of suffocating the liberation movement and imposing a blockade against the Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam.

This naked aggression against the peoples of Indo-China in general and the Viet-Nameese people in particular, and this flagrant violation of international law, of human principles and of the Charter of the United Nations, do not threaten peace in this region of Asia alone but threaten peace all over the world. It is identical to and complementary to the imperialist aggression launched by American-Zionist colonialism against the Arab homeland in 1967.

Condemning this atrocious and ugly aggression perpetrated by American imperialist forces against the Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam, the Syrian Arab Republic declares its full solidarity with the heroic Viet-Nameese people in its struggle to liberate its territories and its homeland and demands the immediate cessation of the American aggression and the withdrawal of all imperialist colonialist forces from this region, leaving the Viet-Nameese people to choose the régime it wants in accordance with its own free will. The Viet-Nameese people shall, without any doubt, achieve this goal after expelling the aggressor. The latter's resort to Article 51 of the United Nations Charter is of no avail and is an affront to the Charter.
