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THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Letter dated 6 January 1984 from the Permanent Representative of
Egypt to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to enclose herewith the text of a message addressed to Your Excellency by Mr. Kamal Hassan Ali, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Arab Republic of Egypt, dated 5 January 1984.

I kindly request Your Excellency to arrange for the circulation of the text enclosed herewith as an official document of the General Assembly under the items entitled "Question of Palestine" and "The situation in the Middle East".

(Signed) Ahmed Tawfik KHALIL
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

ANNEX

TEXT OF THE MESSAGE ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL FROM H.E. MR. KAMAL HASSAN ALI, DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT DATED 5 JANUARY 1984

THE ONGOING ATTEMPTS AND PROCESSES IN THE ISRAELI KNESSET DESIGNED TO EXTEND THE APPLICABILITY OF EMERGENCY REGULATIONS TO THE WEST BANK AND THE GAZA SECTOR AND, IN CERTAIN CASES, TO ENFORCE IMPOSITION OF ISRAELI JURISDICTION IN THESE OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES, CONSTITUTE, IN OUR CONVICTION, A SERIOUS VIOLATION OF SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 242, 1967, AS WELL AS THE FRAMEWORK OF PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST SIGNED IN SEPTEMBER 1978, THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS, PRINCIPLES OF INTERNATIONAL LAW, THE 1949 GENEVA CONVENTIONS, AND THE HAGUE REGULATIONS OF 1907.

EGYPT CONSIDERS THAT THESE ATTEMPTS COULD HAVE SERIOUS REPERCUSSIONS ON THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST, ADVERSELY AFFECTING THE MOMENTUM PROMOTING A COMPREHENSIVE JUST AND LASTING PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND THE EFFORTS EXERTED BY EGYPT FOR ACHIEVING A JUST SETTLEMENT FOR THE QUESTION OF PALESTINE.

EGYPT SERIOUSLY VIEWS AND DEEPLY DEPLORES THE RECENTLY REPORTED DEMOLITION BY ISRAELI AUTHORITIES OF A NUMBER OF HOUSES IN THE WEST BANK, AS WELL AS STATEMENT ATTRIBUTED TO ISRAELI OFFICIALS ON PLANS FOR FURTHER DEMOLITIONS OF HOUSES LOCATED IN CERTAIN MAIN ROADS OF THE INTER-URBAN AREAS IN THE WEST BANK, AND WELCOMING PROPAGATED IDEAS CALLING FOR THE DEPORTATION OF PALESTINIANS TO JORDAN, UNDER THE PRETEXT OF SECURITY.

ALL SUCH REPRESSIVE MEASURES AND CONTEMPLATED ACTION BY THE ISRAELI AUTHORITIES CAN ONLY FURTHER COMPLICATE THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST, AND DISRUPT PEACE EFFORTS PARTICULARLY IN REGARD TO THE OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES.
