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THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Letter dated 12 October 1978 from the Permanent Representative of Mauritania to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honuor to transmit to you herewith a statement by the Mauritanian Government concerning the Camp David Agreements.

I should be grateful if you have the statement distributed as an official document of the General Assembly under agenda item 30.

(<u>Signed</u>) Sid Ahmed OULD TAYA
Permanent Representative

ANNEX

Official statement by the Mauritanian Government concerning the Camp David Agreements

The Mauritanian Government declares that:

- (1) Mauritania reaffirms its devotion to Arab unity and its whole-hearted support for the cause of the Palestinian people, its inalienable right to return to its homeland and its right to live in a free and independent Palestinian State;
- (2) Mauritania reaffirms its recognition of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) as the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people, in conformity with the Arab summit conferences at Algiers and Rabat. It reiterates its support for the PLO in its struggle against zionism for the recovery of Palestine's national independence.
- (3) Mauritania, while supporting as a matter of principle all efforts to secure peace by peaceful means, refusing to interfere in the internal affairs of any other Arab State and respecting the free choice of every Arab State, urgently appeals to all Arab States. Mauritania hereby appeals to all its brother Arab States to avoid anything that may exacerbate inter-Arab differences or weaken their cohesion and urges them to work instead to strengthen their ranks and safeguard the unity of our Arab nation.