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THE PEACEFUL USES OF NUCLEAR ENERGY,
THE NON-PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS
AND INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY

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Letter dated 15 August 1984 from the Permanent Representative of
Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

With reference to the letter of 12 July 1984 addressed to you by the Permanent Representative of Israel (document A/39/349 of 16 July 1984) in answer to your note of 15 March 1984, and on the instructions of my Government, I have the honour to bring to your attention the following.

The statements quoted by the Representative of Israel in the letter he addressed to you make absolutely no mention of General Assembly resolution 38/9 of 10 November 1983, which demands that Israel withdraw forthwith its threat to attack and destroy nuclear facilities in Iraq and in other countries. You will also note that these statements were not issued by the parties who originally made those threats, and that they are confined to generalities, whereas the Israeli threats were directed specifically against Iraq.

The thesis of the Director-General of the Israel Atomic Energy Commission reported by the Representative of Israel, to the effect that Israel has no policy of attacking nuclear facilities and certainly has no intention of attacking nuclear facilities dedicated to peaceful purposes anywhere, is a piece of special pleading which cannot deceive the international community, in that Israel has in fact

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attacked Iraqi nuclear facilities dedicated to peaceful purposes and subject to International Atomic Energy Agency safeguards, and the United Nations has condemned this attack.

Moreover, the statements referred to by the Representative of Israel make no mention whatsoever of the international safeguards system, leaving it to the good will of Israel, whose aggressive designs are well-known, to decide which facilities are peaceful. In this respect, I must bring to your attention the statement made by the Israeli Minister of Scientific Research in August 1983 and published in the United States magazine Nucleonics Week (No. 35 of 25 August 1983):

"As long as there is no agreement turning the Middle East into a nuclear-free zone Israel is compelled to disrupt any Arab project when it becomes clear beyond doubt that the intention is to produce nuclear weapons. Israel has succeeded in disrupting several such programmes during the past 20 years and we believe it is possible to prevent the entry of nuclear arms into the Middle East in the future."

It will be apparent to you from these statements that Israel persists in its intention of attacking nuclear reactors on the basis solely of its own decision as to the nature of these reactors, without regard for the International Atomic Energy Agency, the safeguards system, international law or the relevant agreements on the subject. Needless to say, it is the duty of the United Nations to spare no effort to prevent the aggressive Zionist régime from implementing this policy, which constitutes a threat to international peace and security.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter distributed as a document of the General Assembly, under item 24 of the provisional agenda, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Riyadh M. S. AL-QAYSI
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