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Letter dated 19 October 1989 from the Permanent Representative of  
Kuwait to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to convey to you a statement issued by His Highness Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, Amir of the State of Kuwait and Chairman of the fifth session of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, concerning the desecration by the Israeli authorities of Al-Aqsa Mosque in Al-Quds al-Sharif.

I should appreciate it if you would circulate the text of the statement as an official document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 39, 77 and 106, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Mohammad A. ABULHASAN  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative

ANNEX

Statement issued by the Amir of Kuwait and Chairman of the fifth  
session of the Organization of the Islamic Conference

It was with great concern that we followed the provocative attempts made by the Zionist régime to lay the foundation stone of what it calls a rebuilt Solomon's Temple close to the Al-Aqsa Mosque in the Holy City of Jerusalem. This act, which offends the sensibilities of Muslims, is a brazen affront to Islam and the Islamic creed.

On behalf of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, representing as it does the Islamic world, we appeal to the peoples and States of the world and all international institutions and organizations, and above all to the United Nations, to halt this act of aggression. In so doing, we hope that they will adopt a decisive stand against it and bring all possible pressure to bear in order to prevent the Zionist régime from committing another crime as heinous as its burning of the holy Al-Aqsa Mosque.

Such a dangerous precedent would make of aggression against the things held sacred by religion a normal matter, while all States and all principles are unanimous that they should not be encroached upon and that action should be taken to ensure that they are safeguarded and protected.

This grave assault on the Al-Aqsa Mosque, which has an exalted and hallowed status among all Muslims, will have serious repercussions on the overall situation in the Arab and Islamic world at a time when concerted efforts are being made by all to address the explosive situation in the occupied Palestinian and Arab territories and to create a climate that will secure peace and security in the region on the basis of the internationally accepted principles calling for the exercise of the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people to establish its State and recover those things it holds most sacred.

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