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PHILIPPINE DELEGATION TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED  
TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

I would like to refer to the replies of the representative of the United Kingdom at the 1234th plenary meeting, on 8 October, and of the representative of Malaysia at the 1237th plenary meeting, on 10 October, to my statement at the 1233rd plenary meeting of the General Assembly, on 8 October.

As I had to leave New York immediately after making my statement on 8 October, it was not until my return last night that I was able to read the verbatim record of the British and Malaysian statements. Since the general debate has already been concluded, I have the honor to request, as a matter of privilege, that the following statement be incorporated in the records of the General Assembly and circulated to all delegations:

"It is not the desire of the Philippine delegation to reopen the debate on the question of Malaysia. All interested parties have expressed their views, and our delegation sincerely believes that the time has come when recrimination should end and pave the way for conciliation.

"The Secretary of Foreign Affairs of the Philippines is aware that the debate concerning Malaysia has brought out differences of opinion concerning the terms and principles of the Manila agreements. He recognizes that such differences are inherent in the very nature of the dispute itself.

"So far as the facts and citations used in his statement of 8 October are concerned, however, he wishes to state formally for the record that he rejects any attempt to impugn the veracity of these facts and citations, and that he stands by every word of his statement."

(Signed) Salvador P. LOPEZ  
Secretary of Foreign Affairs  
Chairman of the Philippine Delegation  
to the United Nations

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