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Letter dated 13 December 1989 from the Permanent Representative of  
Yemen to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government I am attaching herewith the text of an agreement that was signed at Aden on unity between the Yemen Arab Republic and the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen. I would be grateful if you would circulate the present letter and the attached document among the members of the United Nations as a document of the forty-fifth session of the General Assembly under the item entitled "Development and strengthening of good-neighbourliness between States".

(Signed) Mohamed Abdulaziz SALLAM  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative

ANNEX

Text of an agreement signed at Aden on unity between Yemen  
and Democratic Yemen

ADEN SUMMIT MEETING AGREEMENT OF 1 DECEMBER 1989

On the grounds of the belief of both parts of the homeland in Yemeni unity and the goals of the glorious revolutions of 26 September and 14 October; out of loyalty to the struggle of the Yemeni people and the sacrifices of its martyrs for the building of an independent united Yemen; in response to the Yemeni will; out of the mutual desire to advance the process of unity of the two parts of the one homeland; on the basis of the aspirations of the masses of our people for the realization of the unity of the Yemeni territory and people; with a view to achieving the full stability, security, development and growth of the homeland, particularly after our unitarian achievements have helped to endow the climate of unity with increased national and fraternal dimensions by establishing unitarian practices at the levels of the people, the Government and public institutions and organizations, which has instilled in Yemeni citizens greater anticipation of the transition of their national cause to the phase of the finalization of the declaration of the establishment of the unified State; in accordance with the agreements and declarations signed by the two leaderships and the officials of the two parts; as a continuation of the process of preparing the peaceful and democratic climate necessary for the completion of the unitarian steps leading to the unified State; and as a reaffirmation of the commitment of the policy of dialogue and mutual understanding between the two parts and the protection of security and stability; and as a continuation of the unitarian contacts and meetings between the two parts, during the visit made by Colonel Ali Abdullah Saleh, President of the Republic, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, Secretary-General of the General People's Congress, at the head of a large official popular delegation, to participate in the celebrations of the Yemeni people on the occasion of the twenty-second anniversary of the independence of the southern part of the Yemeni homeland on 29 and 30 November 1989, the draft permanent Constitution of the unified State, completed by the Joint Constitutional Committee on 30 December A.D.1981/4 Rabi' I A.H.1402, was approved and ratified by the leaderships of the two parts, represented by the two brothers Colonel Ali Abdullah Saleh, President of the Republic, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, Secretary-General of the General People's Congress, and Ali Salim al-Baid, Secretary-General of the Central Committee of the Yemen Socialist Party, in implementation of the provisions of the Kuwait Agreement and as a complement to the measures agreed on in previous agreements, in particular, articles 9, 10, 12 and 13 of the Cairo Agreement, and the following steps were thereby agreed on:

1. (a) The draft Constitution shall be referred to the consultative assemblies and the people of both parts of the homeland for approval in accordance with their respective constitutional provisions over a period not exceeding six months;

(b) The Presidents of the two parts shall authorize their respective legislative authorities to organize a referendum on the draft Constitution and the election of a unified legislative authority for the new State, in accordance with the new Constitution;

(c) For the implementation of this step, the Presidents of the two parts shall set up a Joint Ministerial Committee, whose membership shall include the Ministers of the Interior of both parts, who shall supervise these operations, which shall take place within a period not exceeding six months from the date on which the legislative authorities of the two parts approve the draft Constitution. This Committee shall be vested with all the powers necessary for the discharge of its mandate;

(d) The Presidents of the two parts shall invite the League of Arab States to send two representatives to participate in the work of the Committee;

2. (a) All measures shall be taken for the implementation of the Ramadan/May 1988 Agreement, including those relating to giving fresh impetus to the work of the Yemeni Supreme Council, the Joint Ministerial Committee and the joint unitarian committees and those relating to the implementation of the first 1989 session of the Joint Ministerial Committee, held at San'a from 21 to 23 March 1989. The work of the Joint Unitarian Committee shall be accelerated and completed within a period not exceeding two months;

(b) It is emphasized that the unified Political Organization Committee shall accelerate the performance of the task which it began at its first session so as to complete it within a period not exceeding two months, in order to prepare for the future political work of the unified State in the light of the draft Constitution of the unified State and to promote the democratic course of political action;

3. The leaderships of the two parts undertake to implement the provisions of this Agreement within the time-limits specified therein.

Done at Aden on 30 November A.D.1989/1 Jumada I A.H.1410.

Colonel Ali Abdullah Saleh  
President of the Republic, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces  
Secretary-General of the General People's Congress

Ali Salim al-Baid  
Secretary-General of the Central Committee  
of the Yemen Socialist Party

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