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Letter dated 27 March 1990 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the
Permanent Mission of Saudi Arabia to the United Nations addressed
to the Secretary-General

At the request of the Permanent Observer of the Organization of the Islamic Conference to the United Nations, and in my capacity as Acting Chairman of the Islamic Group at the United Nations, I have the honour to enclose herewith the text of a statement issued by His Excellency Dr. Hamid Algabid, Secretary-General of the Organization of the Islamic Conference.

I would be grateful if you would kindly circulate the text of the present letter and its annex as an official document of the General Assembly under items 23, 26, 35 and 77 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Mohamed M. AL-KAHTANY
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

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ANNEX

Statement on a resolution passed by the United States Senate
on the status of Jerusalem issued on 26 March 1990 at Jeddah
by the Secretary-General of the Organization of the Islamic
Conference

The General Secretariat of the Organization of the Islamic Conference learnt with surprise and incredulity the news concerning a resolution passed by the American Senate, aimed at regarding the City of Al-Quds (Jerusalem), as the eternal capital of the State of Israel.

It is all the more surprising because the adoption of such a resolution by this respected American institution, which has throughout the centuries made justice and right the corner-stones of action in the service of the American people and all mankind, represents a real challenge to the people of the Islamic Ummah who are so profoundly attached to their religious feelings for the Holy City of Al-Quds al-Sharif, which was the first Kiblah and remains one of the holiest shrines of Islam.

Moreover, this resolution represents a total denial of the legal and historical rights of the Palestinian people over their land of Palestine, as well as an incomprehensible attempt to legalize the occupation by force of the territories of others, with no regard for international law or the resolutions of the United Nations General Assembly and Security Council.

It should also be pointed out that this resolution passed by the American Senate comes at a time when much goodwill is being displayed throughout the world, including in the United States, with a view to searching, at the expense of laborious and patient efforts, ways and means liable to lead to a just and comprehensive solution of the issue of the Middle East and Palestine. In this regard, this initiative constitutes an additional trap set, in an irresponsible manner, on the path to peace, which goes against the traditional American stands on the status of the City of Al-Quds al-Sharif (Jerusalem).

For all these reasons, the General Secretariat of the Organization of the Islamic Conference strongly denounces the adoption by the American Senate of this resolution, which is, in many respects, a deliberate attempt to strengthen the position of those, especially in Israel, who oppose in an unreasonable and obstinate manner the efforts currently deployed at the international level to encourage the peace process in the Middle East on a healthy and legal basis.

The Organization of the Islamic Conference's General Secretariat, basing itself on the well-known principle of inadmissibility of acquisition of the territories of others by force and on the consequent resolutions of the United Nations General Assembly and Security Council, reaffirms the invalidity of all these acts and decisions, aimed at annexation by Israel of the occupied Arab and Palestinian territories. Al-Quds al-Sharif is and remains an occupied Arab territory.

In this respect, the OIC General Secretariat took note with satisfaction of the reaffirmation by the American President, Mr. George Bush, of the reality and intangibility of the legal status of the City of Al-Quds al-Sharif. It hereby calls on the American Administration to pursue its ongoing efforts aimed at finding a just and lasting settlement of the issue of Palestine and the Middle East.

At the same time, OIC calls upon the Member States and the international community to work towards placing the occupied Palestinian territories, including the Holy City of Al-Quds al-Sharif, under international control, while looking for a comprehensive solution to the Israeli-Arab conflict.
