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THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Note verbale dated 30 November 1979 from the Permanent  
Representative of Austria to the United Nations  
addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Representative of Austria to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to request that the enclosed proposal be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under agenda item 25.

ANNEX

Proposal relating to the item entitled  
"The situation in the Middle East"

The General Assembly,

Expressing its continuing concern with the grave situation in the Middle East,

Recalling Security Council resolutions 242 (1967) of 22 November 1967 and 338 (1973) of 22 October 1973,

Reaffirming the inadmissibility of the acquisition of territory by threat or use of force,

Reaffirming further the urgent necessity for establishing a just and lasting peace through a comprehensive settlement based on the full respect for the principles and purposes of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recognizing that a comprehensive settlement can only be achieved through direct negotiations between all parties concerned, including the Palestine Liberation Organization, the representative of the Palestinian people,

Convinced that the realization of the national rights of the Palestinian people and the recognition of the existence of Israel constitute essential elements of a durable solution to the present conflict,

1. Calls upon Israel and the Palestinian people to enter, without any pre-conditions, into exploratory talks between representatives chosen by each side;
2. Urges that all aspects of the situation and all possible solutions for a peaceful settlement should be considered in these exploratory talks, without prejudice to the final solution;
3. Recommends that these exploratory talks should be conducted with the constant aim of reaching an adequate basis for negotiations between all parties concerned;
4. Expresses the hope that these exploratory talks will establish an adequate basis and produce guidelines for negotiations between all parties concerned, under the auspices of the United Nations.