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### COMMEMORATION OF THE FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED NATIONS

Letter dated 23 October 1985 from the Permanent Representative of  
the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to  
the Secretary-General

I have the honour to request that the following statement of position be circulated under agenda item 39 of the General Assembly.

The United Nations, although the major organization of a universal character and a professed supporter of the rights of nations, proved unable to accommodate the participation of the representatives of liberation movements even for the celebration of its fortieth anniversary.

The muslim people and the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran deeply regret that the representatives of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) and the South-West Africa People's Organization (SWAPO) were not invited to address the commemorative session of the fortieth anniversary of the United Nations. On the basis of the ideals and objectives of the United Nations and the spirit of its Charter, the people of the world would have expected to see the representatives of these two liberation movements at the top of the list of participants.

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