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Letter dated 9 October 1990 from the Permanent Representative
of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of the communiqué of the meeting of the Co-ordinating Bureau of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries on the situation in the occupied Palestinian territory, held in New York on 9 October 1990 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 23 and 35, and of the Security Council.

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ANNEX

Communiqué of the meeting of the Co-ordinating Bureau of
the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries on the situation
in the occupied Palestinian territory, held in New York
on 9 October 1990

The Co-ordinating Bureau of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries met urgently on 9 October 1990 under the chairmanship of His Excellency Mr. Budimir Loncar, Federal Secretary for Foreign Affairs of Yugoslavia, to consider the dangerous situation in the occupied Palestinian territory, especially Jerusalem.

The Bureau learned with revolt and indignation of the use of firearms by members of Israeli armed forces and other Israeli nationals against unarmed Palestinian civilians in the precinct of Al Haram Al Shareef, at Jerusalem, on 8 October 1990, which resulted in the loss of 23 Palestinian lives and over 200 wounded. It strongly condemned this massacre, which is yet another criminal act committed against the suffering Palestinian people.

The Bureau called upon the Security Council to take immediate and resolute action in order to implement its own resolutions regarding the situation in the occupied Palestinian territory, as well as the provisions of the Fourth Geneva Convention, and to establish urgently an effective United Nations presence with a legal mandate to protect the Palestinian people under Israeli occupation. Further on, the Bureau called upon non-aligned countries to take an active part in the deliberation of this issue in the Security Council.

The Bureau was of the view that this Israeli brutal act generates additional tension in the occupied Palestinian territory and puts obstacles to the creation of the necessary conditions for the opening of the peace process. This tragic event brings forth the urgent need for the implementation of Security Council

resolutions 242 (1967) and 338 (1973) and the attainment of the national rights of the Palestinian people in accordance with the relevant United Nations resolutions.

The Bureau emphasized that the Security Council should proceed, as a matter of urgency, to take the necessary measures towards the convening of the International Peace Conference on the Middle East under the auspices of the United Nations, with the participation, on an equal footing, of all the parties directly concerned, including the PLO, as well as the five permanent members.

Bearing in mind the recent experience in the Security Council, which indicates that, given the necessary political will, the Council is able to achieve consensus on an important matter of concern to the international community, the Bureau encourages and supports every effort by the permanent and other members of the Security Council to bring the positions of the parties to the Arab-Israeli conflict closer to each other, to create a climate of confidence between them, and to facilitate in this way the convening and successful outcome of the International Peace Conference.
