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Letter dated 23 April 1984 from the Permanent Representative
of Democratic Yemen to the United Nations addressed to the
Secretary-General

Inasmuch as Democratic Yemen is the current President of the Council of the League of Arab States, I have the honour to request that this letter and its attachment be distributed as an official document of the General Assembly, under items 33 and 36 of the preliminary list and of the Security Council.

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Permanent Representative of the
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to the United Nations

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ANNEX

We have the honour, with reference to the transfer by the Government of El Salvador of its Embassy to the City of Jerusalem, to register our vehement protest and deep indignation at this act, which represents a flagrant violation of the pertinent resolutions of the Security Council, in particular resolution 478 (1980), the pertinent resolutions of the General Assembly and the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations, especially Article 25.

On this occasion, we wish to recall that, in Security Council resolution 478 (1980), adopted on 20 August 1980, the Council decided, inter alia, not to recognize the "basic law" and such actions as were taken by Israel, the occupying Power, to alter the character of the Holy City, called upon all States Members of the United Nations to accept and implement that decision and called upon those States that had established diplomatic missions at Jerusalem to withdraw such missions from the Holy City.

On the basis of the foregoing and in accordance with the decisions of the Arab Summit, in particular the resolution of the Eleventh Arab Summit, held at Amman, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, on 25 November 1980, we condemn the action taken by the Government of El Salvador in transferring its Embassy to the City of Jerusalem, which constitutes a violation of United Nations resolutions, the provisions of the Charter and international law and merits condemnation. It also constitutes a position hostile to the Arab States and the Palestinian people and represents full support for Israel's aggressive expansionist policy, and this will have serious negative repercussions on Arab relations with El Salvador.

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