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Letter dated 19 December 1990 from the Permanent Representative of
Egypt to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith a copy of the communiqué issued by the Egyptian Ministry of Foreign Affairs concerning the decision of the Israeli Government to deport four Palestinian citizens from the occupied Gaza Strip.

I request you to have this letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 23 and 35, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Amre MOUSSA
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

ANNEX

Communiqué

An official spokesman for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs expressed Egypt's rejection of the decision of the Government of Israel to deport four Palestinian citizens from the occupied Gaza Strip.

The spokesman added that this measure, which clearly reveals the intention of the Government of Israel to revert to the implementation of the policy of the deportation of Palestinian citizens, represents not only a violation of Palestinian human rights but also a clear breach of the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War.

The official spokesman emphasized Egypt's conviction that such repressive measures on the part of the Government of Israel will not prevent the Palestinian people from proceeding with the uprising and resistance to Israeli occupation of the Palestinian territories in the West Bank, the Gaza Strip and Arab Jerusalem.

The spokesman called upon Israel to desist from the implementation of this policy and to move towards the construction of bridges of confidence that constitute the basic element in the move towards a peaceful settlement of the Palestinian problem through negotiations between the two parties to the conflict, based on the resolutions of the Security Council and the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people, first and foremost, the right to self-determination.

