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LETTER DATED 17 JANUARY 1985 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF
THE PERMANENT MISSION OF EGYPT TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED
TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of a letter addressed to you
by the Permanent Observer of the Palestine Liberation Organization to the United
Nations dated 16 January 1985.

I would be grateful if you arrange that this letter be circulated as a
document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Mohamed I. SHAKFR
Ambassador
Deputy Permanent Representative
Chargé d'Affaires

Annex

Letter dated 16 January 1985 from the Permanent Observer of
the Palestine Liberation Organization to the United Nations
addressed to the President of the Security Council

I am instructed by Yasser Arafat, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization, to refer to the announcement made by the Israeli Cabinet that it had approved a plan to withdraw the Israeli occupation army from Lebanon in three stages. Such plan is nothing but a unilateral decision that does not take into consideration the provisions of Security Council resolutions 425 (1978), 426 (1978), 508 (1982) and 509 (1982).

I am further requested to recall that on 19 September 1984, a letter was addressed to His Excellency the Secretary-General by Chairman Arafat (S/16749), in which he expressed grave concern regarding the outcome of such an Israeli move, particularly in the bitter memory of the Sabra and Shatilla massacre of 17 September 1982. It should be recalled that His Excellency the Secretary-General suggested a course of action which would make more effective the mandate of UNIFIL, specifically in southern Lebanon, in the context of the withdrawal of Israeli occupation forces from that area, and, in particular, in subparagraph 25 (b) of document S/16472, in which the Secretary-General suggested:

"The immediate deployment of elements of UNIFIL in the Sidon area on Israeli withdrawal from that area, with a view to assuring the safety and security of the population, including Palestinian refugees in the camps in that area".

Chairman Arafat would like to reiterate that in the view of the Palestine Liberation Organization, the United Nations is fully responsible to provide adequate protection and safety to the Palestinians in southern Lebanon and, specifically, in the Palestinian refugee camps. The crimes perpetrated at Ein El Hilweh in May 1984 should not be repeated.

In addition, Chairman Arafat would like to express grave concern for the future of the detainees in the Al-Ansar detention camp, where the Israeli occupation forces are arbitrarily detaining more than 300 Palestinians.

We wish to recall that the General Assembly, in resolution 39/99, has urged the Secretary-General to:

"undertake effective measures to guarantee the safety and security and the legal and human rights of the Palestinian refugees in all territories under Israeli occupation".

It is recalled that this was prompted particularly in light of the report of His Excellency the Secretary-General about the conditions of the Palestinian refugees in these areas.

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