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KUWAIT TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of a resolution adopted by the Council of the League of Arab States at its extraordinary session held at Tunis on 17 and 18 October 1990.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Permanent Representative
Chairman of the Arab Group

Annex

Resolution on the Israeli act of aggression against the Holy Al-Aqsa Mosque and the Dome of the Rock, adopted by the Council of the League of Arab States at its extraordinary session held at Tunis on 17 and 18 October 1990

The Council of the League of Arab States, meeting at Tunis in extraordinary session at the ministerial level on 17 and 18 October 1990 at the request of the State of Palestine,

Having examined the Israeli act of aggression of 8 October 1990 against the Holy Al-Aqsa Mosque and the Dome of the Rock and the bloody massacre of members of the combatant Palestinian people resulting therefrom,

Having considered the dangers of this aggression in the context of the Israeli scheme to Judaize the occupied Palestinian territory, in particular Jerusalem and the Holy Al-Aqsa Mosque,

Regarding this act of aggression as a continuation of the war of extermination and Judaization being conducted by the Israeli entity against the Palestinian people and as a flagrant violation of all international covenants, of international legitimacy and of human rights and as an expression of contempt for the will of the international community and of humanitarian sentiments,

Being of the view that the Security Council should continue to approach international issues on the basis of a uniform standard based on regard for international legitimacy in the resolution of conflicts,

Having heard the statement of His Excellency Mr. Yasser Arafat, President of the State of Palestine,

DECIDES

1. To condemn Israel for the new act of aggression against the Holy Al-Aqsa Mosque and the Dome of the Rock and the bloody massacre that it has committed against the Palestinian people, and to hold the Israeli occupation authorities fully responsible for these criminal acts.
2. (a) To affirm the adherence of the Arab States to the inalienable Palestinian Arab right to the City of Jerusalem as the capital of the independent State of Palestine, and to reaffirm their determination to defend that right and to protect the Holy Places in the face of Israeli defiance.

(b) To stress the fact that Jerusalem is an integral part of the occupied Palestinian territory, that the Israeli "basic law" by virtue of which Jerusalem is considered the unified capital of Israel is null and void, that all the legislative and administrative measures that have changed or that might tend to change the

character of the Arab City of Jerusalem and its legal status are also null and void and that immediate action must be taken for their revocation.

3. To call upon the international community to assume its full responsibilities in deterring escalating Israeli aggression and to take all practical measures to put an immediate end to such repeated acts of aggression.

4. To express its disapproval of United States positions that are biased in favour of Israel, to demand that the United States of America should modify its attitude towards Palestinian national and Arab rights and desist from supporting Israel, to call upon the United States to abide by international legitimacy, to block the Israeli policy of oppression and intimidation and to implement Security Council resolution 672 (1990), and to reaffirm the importance of the implementation of all the principles of the United Nations and its resolutions relating to the question of Palestine and the Arab-Israeli conflict.

5. To entrust the Special Arab Ministerial Committee to Support the Intifadah with the task of monitoring developments in the extremely grave situation in the occupied territory, monitoring the implementation of Security Council resolution 672 (1990) and calling for a meeting of the Security Council at the appropriate time, on the understanding that the Committee should pursue its work and its contacts at the political, diplomatic and Islamic levels, in particular with the States permanent members of the Security Council and influential international parties, with a view to:

(a) Ensuring international protection for the Palestinian people, whether by the dispatch of international observers or of international forces to undertake this task, until such time as an Israeli withdrawal is achieved or a comprehensive peace is established;

(b) Striving for the occupied territory to be placed under interim international supervision until such time as peace is achieved through the withdrawal of the Israeli occupation forces and the Palestinian people itself is allowed to exercise its right to self-determination;

(c) Ensuring the imposition on Israel of the sanctions laid down in Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations because of its refusal to comply with the resolutions of the Security Council and the General Assembly;

(d) Working for the convening of the International Peace Conference on the Middle East, within the framework of the Security Council, with a view to the implementation of Council resolutions 242 (1967) and 338 (1973) and all of the United Nations resolutions relating to the question of Palestine and the Arab-Israeli conflict, so as to bring about an Israeli withdrawal from all the occupied Palestinian and other Arab territories and enable the Palestinian people to exercise its right to self-determination and national sovereignty under the supervision of the United Nations, with the participation of all the other parties involved, including the Palestine Liberation Organization on an equal footing with the other parties as the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people.

6. To monitor the implementation of the decisions on financial support for the Palestinian intifadah endorsed by the resolutions of the Arab Summit Conferences and other forms of support endorsed by the Council of the League with a view to consolidating and intensifying the steadfastness of the intifadah.

7. To call upon member States to participate actively in providing all the forms of the support necessary for the implementation of the projects and decisions adopted by the Al-Quds Committee, including those for the restoration of buildings in the Old City of Jerusalem, the renovation of the Holy Dome of the Rock and support so that the people of the City may stand their ground, in particular by assistance to housing, Arab reconstruction projects, the guards at the Haram al-Sharif and functionaries of the Islamic Awqaf and of religious bodies.

8. To continue to implement the Arab League resolutions and programmes on opposition to intensified Jewish immigration and projects for settlement in the Palestinian and other occupied Arab territories.

9. To express its gratitude and appreciation to those friendly States which have condemned the criminal Israeli aggression and have supported the Arab and Palestinian right, and to invite them to continue their efforts in defence of truth and the strengthening of international peace and security.

10. To express the pride of the Arab nation in and its commendation of the sacrifices made by the combatant Palestinian people and its magnificent steadfastness in the face of Israeli aggression and in defence of those things held sacred by the nation, and to convey its condolences, in humility and high esteem, for the lives of innocent martyrs.

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