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Letter dated 22 October 1973 from the Secretary of Foreign Affairs
of the Philippines to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to request that the enclosed text of a statement on the Middle East question, which was made by His Excellency President Ferdinand E. Marcos of the Philippines on Sunday, 21 October 1973, be circulated as a document of the General Assembly and the Security Council.

(Signed) Carlos P. ROMULO
Secretary of Foreign Affairs
Chairman of the Delegation to the
twenty-eighth session of the
General Assembly

Statement made by His Excellency President Ferdinand E. Marcos
of the Philippines on Sunday, 21 October 1973, on the Middle

East question

The state of world affairs, again confronted with a serious crisis, makes it incumbent upon all nations to reaffirm their faith in the United Nations and to manifest this faith in concrete and positive terms.

We recognize the validity of the United Nations as the primary entity that should initiate the serious efforts required to establish a just and lasting peace in the Middle East and we earnestly appeal to all parties concerned to avail themselves of the United Nations in realizing this goal.

It is for this reason that the Philippines considers as a concrete and necessary step the full implementation of Security Council resolution 242 (1967), adopted unanimously on 22 November 1967. To this end, it is imperative that the full weight of the moral authority and collective will of all United Nations Members should be mobilized in support of this undertaking.

Those who have it in their power to make peace in the Middle East a reality are specially called upon to recognize their responsibility and act decisively toward the realization of peace in this region. But this responsibility must be shared by all nations and should, in the light of its grave implications for international security, assume the solemnity of an earnest commitment.

