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ISRAELI NUCLEAR ARMAMENT

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Letter dated 24 July 1980 from the Permanent Representative of
Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to enclose herewith a message addressed to you by
His Excellency Mr. Tayih Abid Al-Kareim, the Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs
of Iraq.

I would kindly request that this message be circulated as an official document
of the General Assembly, under items 26, 38 and 49 of the provisional agenda, and
of the Security Council.

(Signed) Salah Omar AL-ALI
Permanent Representative

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ANNEX

Message dated 24 July 1980 from the Acting Minister for
Foreign Affairs of Iraq to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to draw attention to the gravity of the organized Zionist attack and the blatant threats directed against Iraq by reason of its programme for the peaceful uses of nuclear energy. I would like to emphasize on this occasion the fact that the Iraqi nuclear programme is a purely peaceful programme aimed at developing the scientific and technical levels of our country within the framework of the comprehensive development plans which are being implemented there in all fields. I would like also to remind you that Iraq is a party to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, which it signed on 29 October 1969, and that it is bound by the provisions thereof.

It is clear that the frantic Zionist attack is intended as a threat of military aggression against Iraq, since the Zionist entity has American-manufactured aircraft whose range is capable of extending to Iraqi territory and which may be being kept in readiness for an air strike against Iraq's nuclear reactors in order to halt scientific and technical progress in Iraq and prevent the Arabs from keeping up with advances in this field.

It must be pointed out in this connexion that the Zionist entity which is carrying out this iniquitous attack against Iraq has possessed nuclear military power for a number of years and refuses to adhere to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons. It co-operates on a wide scale with the racist régime in South Africa in this field and is openly carrying out a policy of threats and blackmail against the Arab nation and its territories on the basis of its possession of nuclear weapons, at a time when it is continuing the implementation of its aggressive expansionist plots against the Arab nation by its occupation of their lands and its denial of the inalienable rights of the Palestinian Arab people, in disregard of United Nations resolutions and world public opinion.

These Zionist threats have recently assumed grave proportions and a number of Zionist officials at the highest levels have participated in launching them. This has led to an increase in tension in the Middle East and warns of the possibilities of increased dangers in this sensitive area, where fundamental interests of the countries of the world are at stake. This is a direct threat to international peace and security. Mordechai Tsipori, Deputy Minister of Defence in the Zionist entity has declared:

"Israel will do everything possible to resist French intentions of providing Iraq with enriched uranium for nuclear development. Israel prefers to use political and diplomatic means to prevent uranium from getting to the region, but if such means are not effective, it will be up to Israel to see what steps must be taken."

I would request you to have this letter issued as an official document of the General Assembly and the Security Council.

Tayih Abid AL-KEREIM
