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Letter dated 20 November 1985 from the Permanent Representative of
Oman to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to enclose herewith a letter written at Muscat on 16 November 1985 and addressed to you by His Excellency Mr. Yousef bin Alawi bin Abdullah, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of the Sultanate of Oman, in his capacity as President of the sixth session of the Ministerial Council of the Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC), enclosing the Final Communiqué adopted by the sixth session of the GCC Supreme Council, held in the Sultanate of Oman from 3 to 6 November 1985.

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I request you to have the letter and the Final Communiqué appended thereto circulated as a document of the United Nations General Assembly, under agenda items 26, 33, 38, 46, 72, 132, 133 and 146 of its fortieth session, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Saoud bin Salim bin Hassan AL-ANSI
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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ANNEX

I have the honour, in my capacity as President of the Ministerial Council at the sixth session of the Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC), to enclose herewith the Final Communiqué adopted by the sixth session of the GCC Supreme Council, held in the Sultanate of Oman from 19 to 25 Safar A.H. 1406, corresponding to 3 to 6 November A.D. 1985.

I request you to have this letter and the Final Communiqué appended thereto circulated as a document of the United Nations General Assembly and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Yousef bin Alawi bin ABDULLAH
Minister of State for Foreign Affairs

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APPENDIX

Final Communiqué of the sixth session of the Supreme Council
of the Gulf Co-operation Council

Sultanate of Oman, 19-22 Safar A.H. 1406, corresponding to
3-6 November A.D. 1985

The Supreme Council of the Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) held its sixth session in the Sultanate of Oman from 19 to 22 Safar A.H. 1406, corresponding to 3 to 6 November A.D. 1985, at the invitation of His Majesty Sultan Qaboos bin Said, Sultan of Oman. The meeting was attended by:

His Highness Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahayan, Head of State of the United Arab Emirates;

His Highness Sheikh Isa bin Salman Al Khalifa, Amir of the State of Bahrain;

His Majesty King Fahd ibn Abd al-Aziz Al Saud, King of Saudi Arabia;

His Majesty Sultan Qaboos bin Said, Sultan of Oman;

His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Hamad Al Thani, Amir of the State of Qatar;

His Highness Sheikh Jaber al-Ahmad al-Jaber al-Sabah, Amir of the State of Kuwait.

The Council reviewed developments in co-operation among member States and expressed its satisfaction at the achievements of that co-operation since the fifth session, held in the State of Kuwait. The Council discussed the subject of the Iraq-Iran war in the light of the most recent developments and the grave escalation that had taken place, particularly in the waters of the Gulf, and the threat that that constituted to the security and stability of the entire region and to the freedom of navigation in the Gulf.

Concerning the situation in the Gulf region, the Council recalled its declaration at the conclusion of its fourth session, held in Doha in November 1983, and it reaffirms its adherence to Security Council resolutions 540 (1983) and 552 (1984), which expressed the attitude of the international community with regard to the freedom of navigation in international waterways and freedom of passage for merchant vessels to and from the ports of the GCC States.

The Council calls for Iran to abide by the principles laid down in those two resolutions.

The Council reaffirmed the declaration concerning the Iraq-Iran war made at its fifth session, held in Kuwait in November 1984, and particularly its assurance that the GCC States were prepared to pursue their efforts with the parties concerned so as to bring an end to this devastating war in such a manner as to guarantee the legitimate rights and interests of the two parties and thereby establish normal relations among the States of the region.

At the Arab level, the Council discussed the question of Palestine and the stages through which it had passed. It affirmed its continuing support and backing for the Palestine Liberation Organization as the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people. The Council condemned the Zionist aggression against Tunisia and against the headquarters of the Palestine Liberation Organization located there, and it affirms its support for and solidarity with the fraternal Republic of Tunisia and the Palestine Liberation Organization.

The Council affirms its continuing support for the unity of fraternal Lebanon and for the preservation of its stability, its independence and its national sovereignty over its own soil.

The Council reviewed the Arab situation, the results of the extraordinary Arab Summit Conference held at Casablanca and the work of the conciliation committee and the committee on the settlement of inter-Arab differences. It expressed its gratification at the results achieved by the efforts of the committees and affirmed its support for their work and the need for them to continue those efforts until their task was completed.

The Supreme Council reviewed the measures implemented under the Economic Agreement and, desiring to promote the progress of GCC in achieving the objectives stressed in that Agreement, decided to draw up a timetable for implementation in the various fields and activities of economic co-operation. It decided to entrust the Ministerial Council with the task of establishing this timetable and of studying the possibility of adding new activities to those economic activities in which nationals of the GCC States were permitted to engage, such as insurance activities, trade, and the purchase and exchange of shares in companies involved in activities in which they were permitted to engage, together with the elaboration of regulations to that effect. In implementation of the provisions of its Constitution relating to the realization and co-ordination of integration and cohesiveness among member States in all fields, and in order to strengthen the bonds of co-operation and cohesion among member States, the Council approved the following:

1. The agricultural policy for the GCC States;
2. The unified strategy for industrial development;
3. The goals and means of education;
4. General policies and principles for environmental protection.

The Supreme Council was informed of developments in the preliminary contacts made with States and international economic groupings and decided to continue such contacts.

The Council reviewed the security situation in the light of the escalation of terrorism in the region and of the terroristic assaults aimed at undermining their security and stability to which certain GCC States had been subjected. The Council, in condemning all acts of terrorism, affirms its support for and

solidarity with all member States subjected to such acts and considers them a threat to all GCC States inasmuch as the security of the GCC States is one and indivisible.

In its determination to preserve solidity and cohesion on the internal front, and in order to ensure the stability and security of member States, the Council endorsed the goals of the security strategy and affirmed the need for their speedy achievement.

In its review of the various fields of co-operation in matters of defence, the Council expressed its full satisfaction at the achievements recorded and agreed on the strategic concept of defence co-operation among the GCC States.

The Council further agreed that pupils at the elementary, intermediate and secondary levels should be treated as pupils from the GCC States in the State in which they are studying. It also agreed that school certificates issued in the GCC States should be treated in the same manner as those issued in the State in which the equivalency is assessed.

The Council expresses its appreciation for the great pains taken by His Majesty Sultan Qaboos bin Said, the Sultan of Oman, and by his Government for the success of the session. It appreciates the genuine feelings shown by the people of the Sultanate of Oman and the great significance of those effusive feelings which reflect the deep faith of the Sultanate of Oman and its positive role in the progress of the Council.

The Council reiterates its sincere sentiments of gratitude to His Majesty Sultan Qaboos bin Said for the warm welcome extended to Their Majesties and Their Highnesses and for the excellent arrangements and organization that played a fundamental role in achieving the worthy results arrived at by the Supreme Council. The Council looks forward to its meeting at its eighth session, in the United Arab Emirates, in Safar A.H. 1407, corresponding to November A.D. 1986, at the invitation of His Highness Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahayan, Head of State of the United Arab Emirates.
