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**Illegal Israeli actions in Occupied East Jerusalem and the
rest of the Occupied Palestinian Territory**

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Identical letters dated 2 November 2023 from the Permanent Representative of Mauritania to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, the President of the General Assembly and the President of the Security Council

In my capacity as the Chair of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, I have the honour to transmit herewith a copy of a joint statement issued on 26 October 2023 by the Organization of Islamic Cooperation Group in New York condemning Israel's attack on the United Nations Secretary-General (see annex).

I should be grateful if the present letter and its annex would be circulated as a document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Sidi **Mohamed Laghdaf**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative



**Annex to the identical letters dated 2 November 2023 from the
Permanent Representative of Mauritania to the United Nations
addressed to the Secretary-General, the President of the
General Assembly and the President of the Security Council**

**Joint statement on behalf of the Organization of Islamic
Cooperation Group in New York condemning Israel's attack on
the United Nations Secretary General**

26 October 2023

The Organization of Islamic Cooperation in New York expresses its strong condemnation of the disrespectful and intimidating remarks by Israel against the United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres. The Organization of Islamic Cooperation views this as an act of political coercion against the United Nations and its Secretary-General.

The Group expresses its appreciation for the Secretary-General and the role of United Nations agencies in drawing the attention of the international community towards the criminal attacks on civilians perpetrated by the Israeli occupation forces, and for facilitating the provision of humanitarian supplies to the besieged people of Gaza. The Secretary-General's remarks are consistent with his duties and responsibilities under international law, international humanitarian law, the Charter of the United Nations and the resolutions of the United Nations. We express our full confidence in the Secretary-General and reaffirm support for his efforts to promote peace and security and uphold the Charter.
