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FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE KINGDOM OF MOROCCO
TO THE UNITED NATIONS

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith a message from
His Majesty King Hassan II of Morocco concerning the current Security Council
debate on the Middle East crisis and request you to circulate it as an official
document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Mehdi Mrani ZENTAR
Permanent Representative

Sir,

At a time when the Security Council is meeting to re-examine the Middle East question and to make an evaluation of the efforts made by the United Nations since the Zionist aggression of June 1967 against a number of Arab countries and the occupation of a large part of their territory, we should like to express our great concern and anxiety about the aggravation of the situation in the region.

Six years after its aggression, Israel still persists in its uncompromising and negative attitude to all the peace initiatives taken by the United Nations and by the great Powers and the Organization of African Unity; it obstinately refuses to comply with the various General Assembly and Security Council resolutions and with the resolution adopted unanimously by the Council on 22 November 1972, in particular. Consequently we feel it is a matter of necessity and urgency that the United Nations should assume, in these serious circumstances, all its responsibilities by taking definite and energetic action to compel Israel to comply with and implement strictly those resolutions, which entail the withdrawal of Israeli armed forces from all the occupied Arab territories, and respect for and a guarantee of the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people. Any other attitude than one of firmness on the part of the Council is liable to weaken decisively the confidence in the Organization still shown by the peoples and to lead inevitably to a new flare-up in the region, thus seriously threatening peace and security in the world.

Morocco, for its part, when participating in the work of the Council will spare no efforts to make its full contribution, in order that this new endeavour by the United Nations may result in the advent of a just and lasting peace in the region.

Hassan II
King of Morocco

* Security Council resolution 242 (1967).