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On 13 July 1981 the Secretariat of the International Atomic Energy Agency received a note verbale from the Permanent Mission of the German Democratic Republic to the International Organizations in Vienna with a request that it be brought to the attention of all Member States of the Agency. The text of this note is accordingly reproduced below.

PERMANENT MISSION OF THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC TO THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN VIENNA

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The Permanent Mission of the German Democratic Republic to the International Organizations in Vienna presents its compliments to the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency and, with reference to agenda item 8 of the Provisional Agenda of the twenty-fifth regular session of the General Conference of the IAEA (GC(XXV)/640), has the honour to communicate the Statement of the German Democratic Republic in respect to the Israeli military attack on the Iraqi nuclear research centre which reads as follows:

"The Central Committee of the Socialist Unity Party of Germany, the State Council and the Council of Ministers of the German Democratic Republic most sharply condemn the barbarous raid made by the Israeli air force on the capital of the Republic of Iraq. The responsibility for this Israeli act of aggression rests with all those imperialist circles who give their backing to Israel's adventurist policy in the Middle East. In this hour the German Democratic Republic reaffirms its full solidarity with Iraq and all Arab countries. It is in favour of a just and peaceful solution to the Middle East problem pursuant to the proposals submitted by the Soviet Union and by the United Nations.

"The GDR adheres to its position that the peace and security of the Middle East require the complete withdrawal of Israel from all occupied Palestinian and Arab territories and the safeguarding of the inalienable rights of the Arab people of Palestine, whose only authentic representative is the PLO. This includes the right of the Arab people of Palestine, of all expelled Palestinians, to return to their home country, to self-determination and to the establishment of an independent Palestinian State."

The Permanent Mission of the GDR requests the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency to bring the contents of this note to the knowledge of all Member States of the IAEA.

The Permanent Mission of the German Democratic Republic to the International Organizations in Vienna avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency the assurances of its highest consideration.

Vienna, 9 July 1981