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MESSAGE FROM Mr. R.A. AL-KITAL, COMMISSIONER OF THE
IRAQI ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION,
RECEIVED BY THE DIRECTOR GENERAL ON 23 OCTOBER 1985

The attached message from Mr. Al-Kital, Commissioner of the Iraqi Atomic Energy Commission, is being circulated to all Member States pursuant to the request made in the Commissioner's message.

ATTACHMENT

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IRAQI ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION

"Sir,

"The Israeli behaviour during the 29th session of the General Conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency clearly demonstrated that Israel has no intention of complying, in good faith, with the provisions of the Statute and General Conference resolutions GC(XXVII)/RES/409 of 1983 and GC(XXVIII)/RES/425 of 1984. The majority of Member States that were represented in the General Conference did not take seriously the Israeli contention of having adopted a new policy with regard to attacking or threatening to attack nuclear facilities in the Middle East or elsewhere. Moreover, Israel was quick to abandon this declared position by abstaining on the draft resolution in document GC(XXIX)/765/Rev.2, which accepted, in principle, the Israeli letter of 24 September 1985 to the Director General as a valid commitment on behalf of Israel not to attack or threaten to attack peaceful nuclear facilities.

"For these reasons, the delegation of Iraq sounded a note of warning in the Conference, stating that:

'Such Israeli behaviour should not induce a false sense of security since a new Israeli aggression on this country or that is surely coming. Yielding to pressure and blackmail under any pretext will have no result other than encouraging the Israeli racist regime to pursue the path of aggression in defiance of international norms of conduct under the unqualified patronage of the United States of America.¹

"Israel lost no time in reconfirming its declared lawless policy of holding the territories of all sovereign States as violable and open to military attack, or threats thereof, with Israel bestowing upon itself the right to take the law into its own hands. The criminal act of aggression on Tunisia carried out by Israeli war planes a few days after the last session of the General Conference is yet another proof of this policy. It is regrettable, indeed, that the United States of America has once more come to the defence of such criminal adventurism in disregard of its responsibilities as a Superpower and a Permanent Member of the Security Council.

"Thus, the military attack and standing threat against the Tammuz reactor is vividly brought to life again.

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"The Israeli armed attack on Tunisia should serve as a constant reminder of the very real and dangerous threat by Israel to the peaceful development of nuclear energy as well as to world peace and security, particularly in the Middle East and Africa. It should also serve to convince those remaining few who are not yet convinced of the necessity to impose strong punitive action by concerned international organizations, including the IAEA, in order to effectively deter any future aggression.

"Iraq will continue to seek such action within the IAEA, out of a deep conviction that it is in the best interest of the IAEA, its safeguards system and the development of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes.

"I have the honour to request that this letter be circulated to all Member States."

Dr. Hans Blix
Director General
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