Letter dated 27 May 1977 from the Permanent Representative of Qatar to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

With reference to your note No. OR 421/6(3) dated 26 January 1976, I have the honour to enclose herewith a copy of Qatar's views and all other relevant questions relating to the special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament.

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Permanent Representative of the State of Qatar to the United Nations
The State of Qatar has consistently and repeatedly supported the convening of an international conference devoted exclusively to the problems of disarmament and where all nuclear and non-nuclear countries can participate on equal footing in accordance with the principles of the Disarmament Decade.

Qatar believes that the mass production of chemical, biological and incendiary weapons and napalm and the use of such weapons must come to a halt and the special session must adopt a programme of action prohibiting the manufacture of these dangerous weapons.

Qatar also believes that zones of peace and nuclear-weapon-free zones should be created in order to lay the foundations for international peace and security. Qatar attaches great importance particularly on the creation of nuclear-weapon-free zones in the Middle East and in the Indian Ocean. The United Nations in its Special Session on Disarmament and all States are duty bound to exert all possible means on Israel which has been rejecting the signature and adherence to the Non-Proliferation Treaty. It is indispensable that all parties concerned in the area proclaim solemnly and immediately their intention to refrain from producing, testing, obtaining, acquiring or in any other way, possessing nuclear weapons, and call upon parties concerned in the area to accede to the Non-Proliferation Treaty.

Qatar has repeatedly supported the Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a zone of peace, free of all foreign military bases, whether air or naval, in the territory of the littoral countries or islands of the Indian Ocean, to contribute to the security of the whole world. For the same reasons, Qatar also supports the establishment of nuclear-weapon-free zones in South Asia, the South Pacific and Latin America.

Moreover, Qatar believes that the Special Session on Disarmament should seek to safeguard sovereignty - independence and territorial integrity of all States, as well as sovereignty over their natural resources.

As a member of the Non-Aligned Movement, Qatar is determined to contribute positively toward the success of the special session which should constitute an important step toward bringing about a complete and general disarmament under international control.