Fifteenth special session
Agenda item 3

CREDENTIALS OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FIFTEENTH SPECIAL SESSION
OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Letter dated 14 June 1988 from the Permanent Representative of
Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

In my capacity as Chairman of the Group of Arab States for the month of
June 1988, and on behalf of the members of the Group, I am lodging a letter of
objection from the members of the Group of Arab States with respect to the
credentials of Israel's delegation to the third special session devoted to
disarmament (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of
the General Assembly, under agenda item 3.

(Signed) Ismat Taha KITTANI
Permanant Representative of the
Republic of Iraq to the United Nations
Chairman of the Group of Arab States
ANNEX

We, the undersigned have the honour to inform you of our objection to the credentials of Israel's delegation to the third special session devoted to disarmament. Our reasons for this objection are as follows:

1. Israel's failure to comply with Security Council resolutions relating to the question of Palestine, the situation in the Middle East and related matters, thereby violating Article 25 of the Charter.

2. Israel's failure to implement General Assembly resolutions relating to the question of Palestine and the situation in the Middle East which call for the restoration of the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people, including the right to return, the right to self-determination and the right to establish its own independent State in Palestine. Those resolutions also emphasize the need to end the Israeli occupation of Arab territories, in accordance with the principle that acquisition of territory by force is inadmissible, as well as the need to ensure Israel's withdrawal from all the territories occupied since 1967, including Jerusalem and the Syrian Arab Golan.

3. Israel's failure to implement resolutions adopted by the General Assembly on other items related to the question of Palestine and the situation in the Middle East.

4. Israel's violation of human rights in the occupied Palestinian territories and the other occupied Arab territories, and in particular its violation of the provisions of the Fourth Geneva Convention of 12 August 1949.

5. Israel's continued annexation of Palestinian and other Arab territories, including Jerusalem and the Syrian Arab Golan, thereby violating the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations and the rules of international law.

6. Israel's continued aggression against Arab States and the extension of its aggression to Lebanon, Iraq and Tunisia.

7. Israel's continued co-operation with the racist régime of South Africa, particularly in the nuclear and economic fields.

8. The fact that the credentials of the Israeli delegation to the third special session devoted to disarmament were issued in the occupied city of Jerusalem, in violation of Security Council resolutions, and particularly resolution 478 (1980), and related General Assembly resolutions, particularly resolution 35/169 E of 15 December 1980.

9. Israel's refusal to accede to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and failure to comply with the provisions of United Nations resolutions calling upon Israel to place all its nuclear facilities under the international system of safeguards and control.
Signed by the following:

Algeria
Bahrain
Democratic Yemen
Djibouti
Iraq
Jordan
Kuwait
Lebanon
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
Mauritania
Morocco
Oman
Qatar
Saudi Arabia
Somalia
Sudan
Syrian Arab Republic
Tunisia
United Arab Emirates
Yemen