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MIPT: GOLAN HEIGHTS.

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF KEMAL HASSAN ALI'S MESSAGE:

BEGINS:

EXCELLENCY,

IN KEEPING WITH AN ESTABLISHED PRACTICE OF MUTUAL CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES, AND BETWEEN EGYPT AND THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY WHICH THE UNITED KINGDOM CURRENTLY PRESIDES OVER, I FIND IT NECESSARY TO SEND YOU EXCELLENCY THIS MESSAGE TO CLARIFY EGYPT'S POINT OF VIEW CONCERNING THE REGRETTABLE DEVELOPMENT WHICH TOOK PLACE LATELY DUE TO THE ISRAELI LAW PROCLAIMED ON 14TH OF THIS MONTH TO APPLY THE ISRAELI LEGISLATION, LAW AND ADMINISTRATION TO THE OCCUPIED SYRIAN GOLAN HEIGHTS.

IT IS INDEED REGRETABLE THAT ISRAEL TAKES SUCH ACTION WHILE EFFORTS ARE BEING PURSUED BY ALL FORCES CONCERNED WITH PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST TO FOSTER THE PROSPECTS OF ATTAINING A PEACEFUL, JUST, LASTING AND COMPREHENSIVE SETTLEMENT, HENCE, DEALING A BLOW TO THESE EFFORTS AND PUTTING OBSTACLES ON THE WAY TO PEACE AND STABILITY IN THE REGION.

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A VIOLATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL LAW AND THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER AND A COMPLETE CONTRAVENTION OF THE FRAMEWORK FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST SIGNED ON 17TH OF SEPTEMBER 1979 AND THE SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS SPECIALLY THE RESOLUTUION 242 UPON WHICH THE CAMP DAVID ACCORDS WERE BASED.

THEREFORE, EGYPT ANNOUNED ITS ABSOLUTE REJECTION OF THE ISRAELI MEASURE AS INVALID AND ILLEGITIMATE.

EXCELLENCY,

EGYPT DOES NOT CONSIDER THE ISRAELI DECISION A MERE BLOW AGAINST MIDDLE EAST PEACE EFFORTS, BUT ALSO, AND IN THE FIRST PLACE, A DEFIANCE TO THE SOCIETY OF NATIONS WHICH NECESSITATES COUNTERING SUCH MEASURES THAT CONSTITUTE A DESTABILISING FACTOR ON THE WORLD SCENE AND POSE A THREAT TO THE PROSPECTS OF PEACE AND PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE BETWEEN PEOPLES AND STATES OF THE MIDDLE EAST REGION.

THE STATEMENT OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY ANNOUNCED IN LONDON ON 15TH OF DECEMBER 1981, AND WHICH CONSIDERED THE ISRAELI DECISION A VIOLATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL LAW, AS WELL AS THE DECLARATIONS OF THE PRIME MINISTER OF THE UNITED KINGDOM ON 16TH DECEMBER 1981, WERE RECEIVED BY SATISFACTION AND APPRECIATION ON THE PART OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT. WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY, UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE UNITED KINGDOM GOVERNMENT, WILL CONTINUE TO ADOPT CLEAR ATTITUDES TOWARDS ANY THREAT TO PEACE IN OUR REGION. WE ALSO HOPE THAT THE COMMUNITY WILL PARTICIPATE IN EFFORTS TO NULLIFY THE EFFECTS OF THE ISRAELI MEASURE AND CONTRIBUTE TO THE PEACE PROCESS IN THE MIDDLE EAST FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE WORLD AT LARGE.

EXCELLENCY,

LET ME EXPRESS THE IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO THE CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN US CONCERNING THE DEVELOPMENTS OF THE SITUATION AND TO COORDINATING OUR EFFORTS TO SAFEGUARD PEACE PROPSECTS IN THE REGION.

I AVAIL MYSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO YOUR EXCELLENCY THE ASSURANCE OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

KAMAL HASSAN ALI  
DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND  
MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFARIS.

ENDS.