

**STATEMENT OF ARAB DELEGATIONS CONCERNING THEIR RESERVATIONS
ABOUT THE CREDENTIALS OF THE ISRAELI DELEGATE TO THE
GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE IAEA MADE IN VIENNA
ON 19 SEPTEMBER 1988**

Mr. Chairman,

The Arab delegations, members of the League of Arab States, participating in this Conference wish to express their reservations about the credentials of the delegate of the Israeli entity for the following reasons:

- (1) Israel persists in challenging the United Nations Charter and the principles of international law and flouting the United Nations resolutions concerning the Palestinian question and the situation in the Middle East;
- (2) In addition to occupying the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, Israel has annexed Jerusalem, regarding it as its capital in spite of the relevant United Nations resolutions and in particular General Assembly resolution E169/35 of 15 December 1980, which considered all administrative and legal measures following the occupation of the city of Jerusalem as null and void and unlawful, and in which the General Assembly called upon all States and specialized agencies and other international organizations to disregard any measure contravening the provisions of that resolution. You will notice that, in spite of the provisions of the above-mentioned resolution, the credentials of the Israeli delegate have been issued in occupied Jerusalem;
- (3) Apart from occupying the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, Israel has annexed the Syrian Arab Golan area and refused to implement the Security Council and General Assembly resolutions relating to the annulment of the annexation measures;
- (4) The Israeli practices against Arab citizens in the occupied territories are against international laws and agreements in that Israel persists in ignoring United Nations Security Council and General Assembly resolutions by following its declared and unlawful policy, symbolized by the building of settlements in the occupied Arab territories in order to impose its hegemony on the occupied Arab lands and to change the geographic, demographic, cultural and social nature of those lands, in violation of the provisions of the fourth Geneva agreement of 1949;
- (5) Israel persistently refuses to abide by the United Nations resolutions concerning the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people to self-determination and to the establishment of an independent Palestinian State. It also continues illegally to occupy the Palestinian territories including Holy Jerusalem;

- (6) We should like to mention General Conference resolution GC(XXVI)/RES/404 of 1984, by which the credentials of the Israeli delegate were rejected for the same reasons as those outlined above.

Therefore, Mr. Chairman, the delegations of the Arab countries, in whose name I am now speaking, wish to express their reservations about the credentials submitted by the Israeli entity.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.