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Letter dated 21 December 1977 from the Permanent
Representative of Oman to the United Nations
addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit as an annex to this letter the text of the joint communiqué issued on the occasion of the state visit of His Imperial Majesty Mohammad Reza Pahlavi, Shahanshah Aryamehr, to the Sultanate of Oman from Monday, 5 December, to Thursday, 8 December 1977.

Upon instructions from my Government, I request that this communiqué be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under the item entitled "Implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security".

(Signed) Mahmoud ABOUL--NASR
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of Oman
to the United Nations

ANNEX

a Joint communiqué issued on 8 December 1977 on the occasion of the
state visit of His Imperial Majesty Mohammad Reza Pahlavi,
Shahanshah Aryamehr of Iran, to the Sultanate of Oman

At the invitation of His Majesty Sultan Qaboos bin Said, Sultan of Oman, His Imperial Majesty Mohammad Reza Pahlavi, Shahanshah Aryamehr of Iran, paid a state visit to the Sultanate of Oman from Monday, 5 December, to Thursday, 8 December 1977.

His Imperial Majesty Shahanshah Aryamehr was accompanied by His Excellency the Iranian Foreign Minister, high-ranking officials of the Foreign Ministry, the Grand Master of Ceremonies, and some prominent members of the Protocol Department of the Imperial Court.

The warm welcome on both official and public levels accorded to His Imperial Majesty the Shahanshah Aryamehr reflected the true feelings of the sincere friendship binding the two countries, their leaderships and peoples. The visit further strengthened the ties of brotherhood and affection between the two leaders and their peoples bound by close ties of religion, history and vital common interest.

In the course of the visit His Imperial Majesty Shahanshah Aryamehr and the Imperial retinue visited the cities of Muscat, Salalah and Nizwa.

His Imperial Majesty the Shahanshah Aryamehr expressed admiration for the tremendous progress achieved in the social, economic and cultural fields in the Sultanate of Oman under the leadership of His Majesty Sultan Qaboos bin Said in the short period since his accession to the throne.

In an atmosphere dominated by complete understanding, fraternity and the spirit of good neighbourly relations, the two leaders held discussions which covered the excellent bilateral relations between their two countries and the means of further enhancing mutual co-operation in all possible fields, particularly those relating to the development of oil, fisheries and mineral resources. They also reviewed important issues of mutual interest both in the regional and the international spheres.

The two leaders expressed their complete satisfaction at the positive and concrete results achieved through fruitful co-operation between their two countries in recent years, and at the continued growth of such co-operation in the political, economic and cultural fields and for the consolidation of security within the region to which the two countries belong. They also expressed their firm belief in the need for close co-operation between Iran and Oman for the sake of safeguarding the freedom and safety of international shipping in the Strait of Hormuz and the adjacent seas, which are of vital importance to both countries.

The two leaders further agreed that Iran and Oman shall continue to co-operate in order to foil any subversive attempts aimed against them.

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In the regional sphere, the two leaders strongly denounced any interference by foreign Powers in the affairs of the region, viewing such interference as detrimental to the interests of the two countries as well as the common interest of all States in the area. They stressed that the responsibility for safeguarding the security and stability of the region rests exclusively with the littoral States themselves and expressed the hope that such responsibility would be exercised collectively.

The two leaders reviewed the latest developments in the Middle East and stressed the need for continued positive efforts on all sides in order to achieve a just and lasting peace in the area.

His Imperial Majesty Shahanshah Aryamehr expressed his deep appreciation and thanks to His Majesty the Sultan and the Government and people of Oman for the warm welcome and cordial hospitality accorded to him and members of his entourage, and extended an invitation to His Majesty the Sultan to visit Iran. His Majesty the Sultan accepted the invitation with thanks, the date of the visit to be arranged through diplomatic channels.
