

**Security Council**

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**Identical letters dated 8 December 2017 from the Permanent Representative of Qatar to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council**

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit herewith an excerpt from the statement issued by the Council of Ministers of the State of Qatar on 6 December 2017 concerning Jerusalem (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex brought to the attention of the Security Council and circulated as a document of the Council.

(Signed) Alya Ahmed S. **Al-Thani**  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative



**Annex to the identical letters dated 8 December 2017 from the  
Permanent Representative of Qatar to the United Nations  
addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the  
Security Council**

[Original: Arabic]

The Council expressed its profound concern regarding the decision of the American Administration to recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel and move the Embassy of the United States of America to that city. The Council warned of the grave consequences that this decision, which was completely at odds with international law, internationally authoritative resolutions and all serious efforts to establish lasting peace on the basis of the two-State solution, would have for security and stability in the Middle East.

The Council called on the American Administration to play a constructive and impartial role in the peace process and to do what is right and just by putting pressure on the Israeli Government to halt its ongoing aggressions against the Palestinian people, withdraw from the occupied territories and restore to the Palestinian people all its legitimate rights.

The Council reiterated the longstanding position of the State of Qatar of supporting the legitimate national rights of the Palestinian people, the most significant of which is its right to establish an independent State with Quds al-Sharif as its capital.

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