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USSR AGREES TO OPENING OF PLO MISSION IN MOSCOW

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(TEXT) MOSCOW AUGUST 4 TASS--A COMMUNIQUE HAS BEEN PUBLISHED HERE ON THE MEETING OF ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE POLITBUREAU OF THE CPSU CENTRAL COMMITTEE, SECRETARY OF THE CPSU CENTRAL COMMITTEE BORIS PONOMAREV AND DEPUTY HEAD OF THE INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT OF THE CPSU CENTRAL COMMITTEE ROSTISLAV ILYANOVSKIY WITH THE PLO DELEGATION LED BY CHAIRMAN OF THE PLO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE YASIR 'ARAFAT. THE MEETING WAS HELD ON WEDNESDAY. ON THURSDAY 'ARAFAT WAS RECEIVED BY USSR FIRST DEPUTY MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS VASILIIY KUZNETSOV. THE MEETINGS AND TALKS WERE HELD IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF FRIENDSHIP AND MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING.

"THE PLO DELEGATION WELCOMED THE EFFORTS OF THE SOVIET UNION AIMED AT CONSOLIDATION OF PEACE AND ENSURING FURTHER RELAXATION OF INTERNATIONAL TENSION AND HIGHLY ASSESSED THE PRINCIPLED POLICY OF THE CPSU AND THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT OF AID TO THE STRUGGLE OF PEOPLES FOR FREEDOM, INDEPENDENCE AND THEIR LEGITIMATE NATIONAL RIGHTS. IT EXPRESSED PROFOUND GRATITUDE FOR THE INVARIABLE AID AND SUPPORT RENDERED BY THE SOVIET UNION TO THE ARAB NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENT, INCLUDING ONE OF ITS CONTINGENTS--THE PALESTINE RESISTANCE MOVEMENT.

"THE DELEGATION DECLARED FOR A FURTHER CONSOLIDATION OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION WITH THE SOVIET UNION, THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES IN THE STRUGGLE AGAINST THE AGGRESSIVE ATTEMPTS OF IMPERIALISM, ZIONISM AND REACTION TO PREVENT FURTHER ADVANCEMENT OF THE PEOPLES OF THE ARAB EAST ALONG THE ROAD OF NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PROGRESS.

"THE SIDES NOTED WITH SATISFACTION THE IMPORTANCE OF THE DECISIONS TAKEN AT THE CONFERENCE OF HEADS OF ARAB STATE IN ALGIERS (NOVEMBER 1973) AND THE CONFERENCE OF MOSLEM STATES IN LAHORE (FEBRUARY 1974) ON THE RECOGNITION OF PLO AS THE SOLE LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ARAB PEOPLE OF PALESTINE.

"FROM THE SOVIET SIDE WAS REAFFIRMED THE INVARIABILITY OF THE SOVIET UNION'S STAND IN SUPPORT OF THE STRUGGLE OF ARAB PEOPLES FOR THE FULL LIBERATION OF THE ARAB TERRITORIES OCCUPIED BY ISRAEL IN 1967. THE SPEEDIEST NORMALIZATION OF THE MIDDLE EAST SITUATION, THE ELIMINATION THERE OF ALL THE AFTERMATHS OF THE ISRAELI AGGRESSION, THE WITHDRAWAL OF ISRAELI TROOPS FROM ALL THE OCCUPIED ARAB LANDS AND THE ATTAINMENT BY THE ARAB PEOPLE OF PALESTINE OF THEIR LEGITIMATE NATIONAL RIGHTS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE CHARTER AND DECISIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS ORGANIZATION IS AN INDISPENSABLE CONDITION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A JUST AND LASTING PEACE IN THAT AREA AND MEETS THE INTERESTS OF ALL STATES AND PEOPLES.

"THE SOVIET UNION EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR THE PARTICIPATION OF THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION IN THE GENEVA PEACE CONFERENCE AND EXERCISING EQUAL RIGHTS WITH OTHER PARTICIPANTS.

"PARTICIPANTS IN THE TALKS EXPRESSED SATISFACTION AT THE STRENGTHENING OF THE UNITY OF THE PALESTINIAN RESISTANCE MOVEMENT THAT HAS RECENTLY TAKEN SHAPE AND EXPANSION OF ITS COOPERATION WITH OTHER ANTI-IMPERIALIST AND PATRIOTIC FORCES OF THE ARAB COUNTRIES IN THE STRUGGLE FOR THE SATISFACTION OF THE LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE.

"IN ANSWER TO THE REQUEST OF THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE THE SOVIET SIDE GAVE CONSENT TO THE OPENING OF A PLO REPRESENTATION IN MOSCOW," THE COMMUNIQUE SAID.

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