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LETTER DATED 17 JULY 1972 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES OF ALGERIA, BAHRAIN, EGYPT, IRAQ, KUWAIT, LEBANON, LIBYA, MOROCCO, OMAN, PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF YEMEN, SUDAN, SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC, TUNISIA, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES AND YEMEN ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Upon instructions from our Governments, we have the honour to reiterate to the members of the Security Council our position regarding the question of the three Arab Islands, namely Abu Musa, the Greater Tunb, and the Lesser Tunb which have been militarily occupied by Iran and of which the Security Council is seized.

Our position has been very clear on this question. We affirm that the Islands are Arab, and history attests to the continued Arab identity and character of these Islands. In this regard, decisions taken by the Council of the League of Arab States affirmed the stand of the Arab Governments, members of the League of Arab States, that the Islands are Arab and constitute an integral part of the United Arab Emirates and of the Arab homeland.

We have the honour to request that this letter be circulated as an official document of the Security Council.

Signatories to letter by 15 Arab States:

Representative of:

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| 1. Algeria | 9. Oman                                      |
| 2. Bahrain | 10. People's Democratic Republic<br>of Yemen |
| 3. Egypt   | 11. Sudan                                    |
| 4. Iraq    | 12. Syrian Arab Republic                     |
| 5. Kuwait  | 13. Tunisia                                  |
| 6. Lebanon | 14. United Arab Emirates                     |
| 7. Libya   | 15. Yemen                                    |
| 8. Morocco |  |