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MEMORANDUM SUBMITTED BY THE MINISTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH OF THE ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT

The Regional Director has the honour to bring to the attention of Member States the attached memorandum submitted by the Minister of Public Health of the Arab Republic of Egypt with the request that it be distributed to Member States participating in the Twenty-fourth Session of the Regional Committee of the Eastern Mediterranean Region.

Arab Republic of Egypt Ministry of Health Minister's Office

MEMORANDUM

SUBMITTED BY THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC HEALTH OF THE ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT

TO.

THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR OF THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION CONCERNING

THE PROPOSED INVITATION OF THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION TO ATTEND THE MEETINGS OF THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION AS OBSERVER

1. The Twenty-seventh World Health Assembly adopted resolution No. WHA27.37, the last paragraph of which provides as follows:

"REQUESTS the Director-General of WHO to take the necessary steps to invite the representatives of the National Liberation Movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity or by the League of Arab States to attend the meetings of WHO in an observer capacity".

- 2. Whereas the Palestine Liberation Organization is the legal and sole representative of the Palestine People, and is the only authorized spokesman, advocate of its opinion, defender of its right and is recognized by the League of Arab States as a National Liberation Movement;
- 3. The Ministry of Health in the Arab Republic of Egypt therefore proposes that the Regional Director of the World Health Organization should extend an invitation to the Palestine Liberation Organization to attend the future meetings of the Regional Committee as observer.