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December 15, 2005

In my capacity as the chairman of the Arab group for the month of December 2005 and on behalf of the states members of the league of Arab states I have the honor to inform you of the decision of the Arab Group to propose the following preambular paragraph to be included as p.p.3 bis in the draft resolution no. A/C.2/60/L.34 entitled "International Year of Desert and Desertification, 2006" which reads as follows "Expressing its concern also at the extensive destruction by Israel, the occupying Power, of agricultural land and orchards in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including the uprooting of a vast number of fruit-bearing trees,". I would like to draw your attention that this Paragraph is quoted from draft resolution A/C.2/60/L.11/Rev.1 entitled "Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources" which was adopted December 2nd 2005 in the second committee.

The Arab Group would appreciate the support of member states of your group to our proposal in the meeting of the second committee to be held this afternoon at 3:00 p.m. December 15th 2005. We would also appreciate the distribution of this letter amongst the members of your group.

Accept your Excellency the assurances of my highest consideration.

Mohammed Ould Tolba
Ambassador, Permanent Representative
of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania
to the United Nations
Chairman of the Arab Group

H.E. Mr. Abdullah Alsaidi
Permanent Representative of the Republic
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