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PRESIDENT ANWAR EL SADAT
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AND AFRICAN AMBASSADORS
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We meet now as one family. I have expressed our point of view in the US, Paris and in London on the basis of a refusal to bargain nor to give up any inch of our territories.

We hope that God will help the Arab efforts to advance matters forward.

President Sadat announced that after his return to Egypt he would send envoys to the Arab countries to inform the Arab Rulers of the results of his trip.

Addressing the Arab ambassadors, President Sadat said: Your mission in the countries in which you are working is twofold:

One aspect is to benefit from technology in order to develop our own countries for it became incumbent upon us to be prepared, and to live in our age with the proper capability and efficiency; the forthcoming stage is one of confrontation of all probabilities. The other aspect is related to the preparation of force to face any new approach for future move by Israel. Thus, it was imperative to diversify the sources of weapons so as not to live at the mercy of anyone. The President declared that we don't have traditions of friendship nor enmity with anyone. We side with our interests, and we can never live in isolation from the world.

«Regarding my talks with Mr. Wilson», added the President, «I have tried to make use of his strong relations with Israel, for he can exert a good effort in the stage to come so as to advance the peace process.

Addressing African ambassadors, the President affirmed Egypt's support to all just causes and to liberation causes of the African continent.

The President indicated that there might be a disagreement in the Arab attitude, but that such a disagreement could only be concerning tactics and not strategy.

The Arab strategy is not to give up one inch of the Arab land, and not to bargain on the rights of the Palestinian people.

The President added: «During this visit we have succeeded in achieving a balance in our relations with the two super-powers. Besides, we have affirmed our independent attitude and the freedom of our decisions. This I have declared before the Congress and also in Britain.

Furthermore, there can be no peace in the area without the fulfilment of the legitimate rights of the Palestinians. We are advocating the Palestinians' participation in the Geneva peace conference for an overall solution.

As regards relations with the Soviet Union, the President said:

«The Soviet Union is always suspicious, particularly as concerns my decision terminating the Soviet experts mission. Nevertheless, I am doing my best to convince them that we are not aligned either with the west or with others, but that we are independent in our resolutions.

Speaking about the African causes, the President called for the necessity of a settlement in Angola and Mozambique. It is because of Angola that we severed our relations with Portugal, and we are also ready to take any measures which help the realisation of peace and integrity for Angola and Mozambique.»