The People's Assembly released the following statement:

As representatives of the people who express their will, we support President Anwar Al-Sadat and bless his initiative which aims at asserting our sincere desire for peace. We consider it a positive and non-conventional step that opens broader horizons for peace.

"We bless his initiative in expression of our desire that the whole world should witness our intentions for a just peace with Israel, embracing the whole region, and not a peace at any price, nor a separate one. President Sadat announced that Egypt had rejected both. The only peace Egypt advocates today is the peace which restitutes the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people and the occupied territories of the Arab nation."

"Whilst Egypt proposes this historic initiative, it does so from a strong and not a weak position, with courage and not hesitation, aiming at peace and not war and to the benefit of the entire Arab nation and world peace."

"Egypt is taking this initiative to prove to this generation and coming generations that for the sake of peace we have not left one door unopened, one road untrodden nor one favourable opportunity unsought. Egypt has faced four wars and braved the challenges of war with patience, and will now brave the challenge of peace with equal patience."

"Operating the battle of peace requires the same potency, capacity, boldness and flexibility required in war. We realise that some Arab oppositions have been raised against the initiative which did not surprise Egypt. If these oppositions are in the nature of relapsing into the trivialities of Arab political phrasology, Egypt rises above such conduct. If they are of the nature of trusteeship, Egypt rejects them."

We announce for record, the fact that Egypt has settled more than its share towards the Arab cause in the only currency not liable to outbiddings, hypocrisy or falsification — it was paid with the blood of her sons.

But if these oppositions are of the nature of fear or anxiety, Egypt considers them as reservations which results will determine at the end. Since the Arab Nation has trusted the Egyptian will to fight its wars for peace, it stands to reason that it should trust it to engage in the challenges of peace.

President Sadat has announced that the Egyptian initiative is a decisive step representing in the end a final test of intentions, which Egypt presents to the world, in its desire to establish just peace in the region. Within
these limits, Egypt estimates the various viewpoints as to the results of this step, and assesses them in the light of the steps to be adopted by the Israeli side which will reveal its true intentions for peace, be they positive or negative.

But Egypt will not forgive any doubt as to its intentions. The whole world should know that Egypt did not take this initiative as the end to thirty years of struggle, but a continuation of thirty years of sacrifice. We engaged in four battles for fighting, let us engage in the fifth for the sake of peace.

President Sadat announced that the Egyptian initiative goes to a stage where the Egyptian people and the Egyptian government are determined to take our position in the House of Nations in Geneva and are determined to take responsibility for the case of the Arab nation and the case of the Palestinian people and the continuing existence of injustice and the continuing violence and the continuing suffering of our people.

We announce the peace initiative in the context of the peace conference and the peace talks. We announce the peace initiative in the context of the peace conference and the peace talks.

In light of the above, we announce the initiative of Egypt and the peace conference and the peace talks.

President Sadat announced that the Egyptian initiative is a continuing step towards the establishment of a just and final peace in the region.