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Second and final report of the Secretary-General on the plan
for an emergency international United Nations force requested
in the resolution adopted by the General Assembly on
4 November 1956 (A/3276)

ADDENDUM

Note by the Secretary-General: In addition to the communications reproduced in documents A/3302 and Add.1, 2 and 3, the following communication from the Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations has been received by the Secretary-General.

New York, 6 November 1956

I have the honour to confirm the agreement of the Government of India, in principle, communicated to you today by Mr. Krishna Menon, to participate in the United Nations International Emergency Force to be organized in accordance with the resolutions of the General Assembly of 4 and 5 November 1956 with a view to secure and supervise the cessation of hostilities in accordance with the terms of the resolution of the General Assembly of 2 November 1956.

In conversation with Mr. Krishna Menon on 5 November 1956 you were good enough to set out for his information the conditions and circumstances of participation by Member States in such a Force. These were communicated to the Government of India who have accepted them as the context and conditions in which they are invited to participate. You will also recall that the formulation of them as in the enclosure was confirmed by you this morning to Mr. Krishna Menon.

We would be glad to know what immediate steps are now required to implement our acceptance in principle. The Government of India are prepared to use their best efforts for the implementation of their participation as soon as the details are settled and on the assumption that the General Assembly will approve the plan.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) Arthur S. LALL

Permanent Representative of India to the
United Nations.

UNITED NATIONS EMERGENCY INTERNATIONAL FORCE

1. The Emergency Force is set up in the context of the withdrawal of Anglo-French forces from Egypt and on the basis of the call to Israel to withdraw behind the armistice lines.
2. The Force is not in any sense a successor to the invading Anglo-French forces, or in any sense to take over its functions.
3. It is understood the Force may have to function through Egyptian territory. Therefore, there must be Egyptian consent for its establishment.
4. The Force is a temporary one for an emergency. Its purpose is to separate the combatants, namely, Egypt and Israel, with the latter withdrawing as required by the resolution.
5. The Force must be a balanced one in its composition.
6. The agreement would be in principle and the position in regard to actual participation is reserved till the full plan is before us.

It is understood that the size of Indian participation is about a battalion strength.

It is also understood that transport, including airlift and all facilities, will be provided by or through the United Nations.
