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to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

With reference to the letter addressed to you on 19 March 1971 by the Permanent Representative of Israel (A/8302, S/10160), I should like to make the following observations.

1. My delegation finds it surprising that the representative of Israel seems to regard as tendentious any policy which is not in consonance with the views of the Government of Israel.

2. The Spanish delegation has stated repeatedly, in both the Security Council and the General Assembly, that compliance with Security Council resolution 242 (1967) in all its provisions is obligatory. The perpetuation of the military occupation of the territories usurped by the Government of Israel is a continuing source of conflict and a violation of the principles of the Charter. Taking advantage of this occupation to alter the status and character of Jerusalem through so-called urban improvements is precisely what is contrary to the resolutions mentioned in my letter of 15 March (A/8301, S/10159).

3. The Permanent Mission of Spain is not aware that the United Nations has adopted any decision condemning Jordan.

I hope that these clarifications will bring this discussion to a close.

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I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as an official document of the General Assembly and the Security Council.

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