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OF ISRAEL TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE
PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

At the meeting of the Security Council on May 2, 1951, I drew attention to the action of Syrian military and para-military forces in invading both the demilitarized zone and other areas beyond the Syrian frontier. In pursuit of its inherent right of self defense, Israel engaged these forces invading this territory and successfully repulsed them. In the course of this operation Israel forces suffered four casualties. The Syrians left a number of dead in Israel territory west of the demilitarized zone. This morning Syrian forces opened fire with artillery and mortars on Israel positions north of Lake Tiberias. In the afternoon two platoons of Syrian infantry penetrated Israel territory west of the northern demilitarized zone. Israel forces returned fire. In the region of Naqueib, Syrian forces directed their fire to Ein-Geb and against an Israel police launch on the lake. In the Huleh region, Syrian forces directed their fire today at tractors working peacefully on the drainage of the swamps.

I have the honor to request the attention of the Security Council to be drawn as a matter of urgency to this persistent Syrian aggression and that all necessary steps be taken to order the withdrawal of Syrian military and para-military forces from all areas west of the Syrian frontier.

(Signed) Abba EBAN
Representative of Israel