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DELEGATION ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE
SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to communicate to you the following message which I received from my Government.

Under the terms of the resolution adopted by the Security Council on 18 May 1951 the Palestine Land Development Company, was instructed "to cease all operations in the demilitarized zone until such time as an agreement is arranged through the Chairman of the Mixed Armistice Commission".

The Syrian Government, which is anxious to seek a just settlement of the Syrian-Israel dispute in conformity with the provisions outlined in that resolution, wishes to call the attention of the Security Council to the fact that Israel, though duly notified, is still ignoring the existence of that resolution, and the work on the Huleh swamps continues unabated in the demilitarized zone.

Fully conscious of its obligations under the terms of that resolution, the Syrian Government has so far exercised the utmost restraint. It would be less than frank, however, if it did not call once more the attention of the Security Council to the grave consequences which the continuous and wilful disregard by Israel of its obligations under the Armistice Agreement, and the Security Council resolutions, may engender.

(Signed) Faris EL-KHOURI
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to the United Nations