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Letter dated 15 January 1974 from the Acting Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions of my Government and further to my letter addressed to you on ll January 1974 (A/9483-5/11189), I have the honour to draw your attention to additional grave Egyptian violations of the cease-fire called for by the Security Council and of the Agreement of ll November 1973 between Egypt and Israel for the implementation of the cease-fire (S/11056/Add.3, annex).

These additional violations, which have caused Israeli casualties, took place in widespread sectors of the cease-fire lines east and west of the Suez Canal between 11 and 14 January 1974 and included 12 attempts to cross the cease-fire lines, to advance positions and to push forward minefields, one such attempt being accompanied by the opening of fire; two crossings of the cease-fire lines by helicopters; two cases of firing by snipers; 37 cases of small-arms fire; two cases of small-arms fire on Israeli forces and on United Nations positions; one case of heavy machine-gun fire; one case of tank fire; one case of anti-tank fire; two cases of firing of anti-tank missiles; one case of a Katyusha rocket launching; one case of mortar shelling; 25 cases of artillery fire; and 14 cases of heavy artillery fire.

Detailed complaints in respect of all these Egyptian violations and attacks on Israeli forces have been lodged with the United Nations observers headquarters.

The official reports of the United Nations Emergency Force and the United Nations observers headquarters to the Security Council, as well as the statements of the spokesman for the United Nations Emergency Force in Cairo, continue to confirm the proliferation and intensity of the Egyptian violations and attacks, including their frequent attempts to advance positions.

As pointed out in my previous letters to you, these persistent and continuing Egyptian violations are not isolated or accidental, but are the result of a clear, systematic and deliberate policy of the Egyptian authorities with the object of creating an atmosphere of military confrontation, violating the cease-fire and

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attempting to improve the cease-fire lines in favour of Egypt. This Egyptian policy continues to be given expression in the government-controlled Egyptian press.

I should like to reiter that these unprovoked attacks on Israeli forces continue even while supply convoys are passing to the Third Corps and Suez City and, obviously, Egyptian cease-fire violations impede these supply operations, which are carried out in accordance with the aforesaid Agreement of 11 November 1973, paragraph A of which reads:

"Egypt and Israel agree to observe scrupulously the cease-fire called for by the United Nations Security Council."

I have the honour to request that this letter be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly and the Security Council.

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to the United Nations

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