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Letter dated 8 November 1973 from the Permanent Representative of Egypt
to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to state the following violations committed on the part of Israel in contravention of the provisions of the 1949 Geneva Convention, 1/ as of today, 8 November 1973:

1. Israel has hindered the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) from performing its human mission related to moving the wounded military personnel encircled in the eastern bank of the Suez Canal;
2. Israel makes the return of wounded Egyptian prisoners of war conditional on the receiving of a full list of Israel's prisoners of war, notwithstanding the fact that Egypt has delivered, and continues to deliver, such lists;
3. Israel hinders food and medical supplies from reaching the wounded soldiers of the Third Army as well as in the city of Suez; Israel equally employs this as a stratagem for bargaining purposes;
4. Israel prevented the ICRC from visiting the Egyptian prisoners of war held in Israel as well as from preparing full count of them, so far;
5. Israel endeavours to deport some wounded soldiers of the Third Army to her hospitals, considering them as prisoners of war;

1/ United Nations, Treaty Series, vol. 75, No. 972, p. 135.

6. Israel continues to expel the civilians in the area she occupies, west of the Canal, to the Egyptian positions. Some of those civilians were even captured by Israel which did not enable the ICRC from approaching these areas. As a result, the ICRC is not in a position to be acquainted with the conditions and destinies of the population in those areas.

I would appreciate it if this letter is circulated as an official document of the General Assembly and the Security Council.

(Signed) A. Esmat ABDEL-MEGUID
Ambassador
Permanent Representative