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LETTER DATED 15 JUNE 1970 FROM THE PERMANENT
REPRESENTATIVE OF IRELAND TO THE UNITED
NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 5 June 1970, the contents of which I at once conveyed to my Government, regarding the hazardous conditions under which the United Nations Military Observers are now obliged to carry out their duties in the Suez Canal Sector.

The physical protection of the Observers, and the preservation of their status, are matters of deep concern to my Government, who have noted from your report to the Security Council of 27 May 1970 that "the risks being experienced by them are now even greater than at any previous time". The Irish Government welcome your assurance that you and the Acting Chief of Staff of UNTSO will continue to take every possible precaution for the safety of the Observers. At the same time my Government sincerely trust that you will receive the full co-operation and support of all concerned in whatever action you deem it appropriate to take in order to reduce the present dangers.

In conclusion, may I say that the Irish Government greatly appreciate your kind tribute to the dedicated and courageous service to the cause of peace rendered by the Irish Observers in the Suez Canal Sector.

I have the honour to request that this letter be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) C.C. CREMIN
Permanent Representative of Ireland
