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LETTER DATED 18 JANUARY 1968 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF THE UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO
THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I am confident that by now enough and pertinent information is available concerning the policies practised systematically by the Israel authorities in the Arab territories they are presently occupying as a result of their latest aggression of 5 June 1967.

It is abundantly clear that the Israel forces in the occupied territories are carrying out military operations of a scope and nature identical with the military operations only resorted to during actual hostilities. Those military operations are solely aimed at intimidating, terrifying and coercing the civilian population of the territories now under Israel occupation. The Israel acts of torture and murder practised against innocent civilians, and in particular against Palestinian refugees, are in fact aimed at creating a state of hysteria and psychological terror to force the inhabitants either to flee or to acquiesce in accepting foreign occupation imposed on them as a result of the Israel aggression.

It is hardly necessary to stress that these operations carried out by Israel are contrary to all norms of international law, the provisions of the Geneva Conventions for the protection of war victims of 12 August 1949, and the principles embodied in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which converge in safeguarding and guaranteeing the rights of the people presently under Israel military occupation and which clearly define the obligations of the occupying authorities in regard to the proper treatment and the safety of the inhabitants and their properties.

Equally I need not emphasize that these Israel acts constitute an open defiance and utter disregard of Security Council resolution 237 (1967) of

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14 June 1967, which called upon Israel "to ensure the safety, welfare, and security of the inhabitants of the areas where military operations have taken place and to facilitate the return of those inhabitants who have fled the areas since the outbreak of hostilities".

It is apparent that the Israel authorities, by adopting this systematic policy of intimidation and use of force against the civilian population in the occupied territories, and which were recently intensified in the Gaza sector, are seeking to establish for themselves a legal or a quasi-legal status on those territories. I am sure that the world public opinion, and in particular that of the United Arab Republic and other Arab countries, will never tolerate or condone such barbaric acts.

These Israel acts of lawlessness, if permitted to continue, will develop into an alarming situation. I am, therefore, instructed by my Government to bring this matter to your attention with the request that you will urgently take the measures you deem appropriate to investigate the prevailing situation in the Gaza sector.

In conclusion, I wish to assure Your Excellency of the co-operation of the United Arab Republic Government in providing the irrefutable evidence of the Israel atrocities and violations.

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

Please accept, etc.

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United Arab Republic to the
United Nations
