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LETTER DATED 17 MAY 1967 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES OF JORDAN ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to enclose herewith a copy of a press release issued by the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan-Israel Mixed Armistice Commission on 3 May 1967, regarding Jordan's complaint No. N-294 to the Jordan-Israel Mixed Armistice Commission.

The said press release contains the decision of the Mixed Armistice Commission which condemned the Israeli authorities for, inter alia, crossing the Armistice Demarcation Line into no-man's-land, Latrun, south-east of El Qubab, and for ploughing areas situated in Jordan and in no-man's-land, in violation of the General Armistice Agreement.

When our sister State, Syria, keeps on reminding the United Nations that it is in the nature of the Israeli authorities to usurp and annex lands in the no-man's-land in the north, some chose not to believe her. Perhaps the decision cited here regarding no-man's-land in the south would help dispel any reasonable doubt that might still linger on in the minds of the truly objective, if such a state of mind can still be hoped for.

May I also invite Your Excellency's attention to the arrangements made by the President of the Security Council, as set out in his letter of 29 June 1966 to the Permanent Representative of Jordan (S/7388), according to which, decisions of the Jordan-Israel Mixed Armistice Commission must be transmitted to my delegation, and to inform you that my delegation has not received a copy of the decision enclosed herewith.

It would be appreciated if this letter and its enclosure are circulated as an official document of the Security Council.

Please accept, etc.

(<u>Signed</u>) Waleed M. SADI Chargé d'Affaires

PRESS RELEASE

HASHEMITE KINGDOM OF JORDAN-ISRAEL MIXED ARMISTICE COMMISSION

Jerusalem, 3 May 1967

On 3 May 1967, the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan-Israel Mixed Armistice Commission, at its emergency meeting No. 456, dealt with Jordan complaint No. N-294.

The following amended draft resolution submitted by Jordan was voted upon as a whole and adopted:

"The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan-Israel Mixed Armistice Commission, having discussed Jordan complaint No. N-294, and the investigation reports made by the UNMO's on this complaint:

Firds that

- 1. On 13 April 1967 Israeli tractors crossed the ADL into no-man's-land, Latrun, south-east of El Qubab.
- 2. As a result of the investigation made by the UNMO's alone in NML, the following areas were found to be recently ploughed by Israeli farmers:
 - (a) MR 1463-1408 MR 1465-1409 MR 1467-1403 MR 1465-1403
 - (b) MR 1466-1410 MR 1468-1407 MR 1466-1406
 - (c) MR 1466-1405 MR 1468-1404 MR 1467-1403

Finds furthermore that

- A. At approx. MR 1466-1409 two disc ploughs with fresh earth on the discs lying approx. 40 metres apart.
- B. Repeated calls by Jordan which were passed through the MAC to Israel to stop this crossing of the DL were in vain.
- C. In spite of an Israeli assurance given to Jordan through the MAC that preventive measures would be taken with a view to stopping such crossings, the crossing by the Israeli farmers continued.

Decides

That this crossing of the ADL by the Israeli farmers is a breach of the GAA by Israel.

Condemns

This act of violation of the GAA by Israel.

Calls upon

Israel to take the strongest measures to prevent any illegal crossing of the ADL into no-man's-land, Latrun, in the future."

Jordan voting FOR Israel absent Chairman voting FOR

At the conclusion of the meeting, the Chairman made the following statement:

"It is regretted that the Israel delegates have chosen not to participate in the voting on this resolution. In my opinion, there is no legal basis according to the rules of procedure of this Mixed Armistice Commission for the Israel delegates to absent themselves during the voting on the resolution itself.

"I am satisfied that the reasons given by the Israelis for absenting themselves from this meeting are irrelevant to the case in question. I am further satisfied that I gave adequate notice to the Israel delegates inviting them to return to this meeting and participate in the vote."