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I have the honour, on instructions from the Government of Israel, to draw the urgent attention of the Security Council to the decisions taken at the Arab Summit Conference held at Alexandria, from 5 to 11 September 1964.

The proclamation made public at the end of the Conference, on 11 September, contains <u>inter alia</u> the following passage (translated from the Arabic):

"The Council has unanimously defined the national cause as that of liberating Palestine from Zionist imperialism and pursuing a plan of joint Arab action both during the present stage - for which plans have already been laid down - and at the next stage, for which it has already been decided to make preparations.

"The Council stresses the need to utilize all Arab potentialities and concentrate all Arab energies against the challenge of imperialism and Zionism.

"The Council has adopted the necessary resolutions to implement Arab plans, especially in the military and technical fields.

"The Council welcomes the establishment of the Palestine Liberation Organization as a support for the Palestine entity and a vanguard of the joint Arab struggle to liberate Palestine. The Council has endorsed the Organization's decision to establish the Palestine Liberation Army and has also fixed the obligations of the member-States towards the Organization."

The clear purport of this proclamation is that thirteen Member States of the United Nations have set themselves the aim of liquidating another Member State, have declared that to be a central policy objective guiding their collective actions, and have determined to concentrate all their national potential on the attainment of this aim.

The Alexandria decisions are without parallel. They stand in naked conflict with the Charter of the United Nations and with every accepted principle governing

relations between States. Moreover, they clash with international efforts to seek ways of relaxing tension, of settling disputes by pacific means, and of attaining permanent world peace.

These decisions must be seen in the perspective of years of hostile and bellicose policies against Israel on the part of the Arab States, their refusal to recognize the existence of Israel, their military provocations on the borders, their boycott and blockade, and their continuous and escalating rearmament. These States reject every proposal to seek a peaceful settlement of disputes between Israel and themselves.

The State of Israel, which embodies the hopes of the Jewish people, and within which the Jewish survivors have gathered, will know how to defend itself, and to repel any aggression.

For many years the Government of Israel has urged the international community, inside and outside the United Nations, to take serious note of such aggressive policies directed against the State of Israel. It is imperative to stress once again before the United Nations that these policies, now given explicit formulation and endorsement in the decisions of the Alexandria Conference, inflame the tension in the Middle East, and constitute a threat to international peace and security. It would be unwarranted for the United Nations and its Nembers to acquiesce in this open challenge to United Nations principles, or to ignore the threat to the peace which is involved.

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

(Signed) Michael COMAY
Permanent Representative