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LETTER DATED 11 FEBRUARY 1958 FROM THE REPRESENTATIVE OF SYRIA
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour, on the instructions of my Government, to inform you of the following:

On 10 February 1958, at 0800 hours (local time), a detachment of the Israel army, consisting of fifty soldiers and two armoured vehicles, entered the northern demilitarized zone at two points. Other Israel armed detachments, reinforced by mortars and by various heavy arms were observed to be massed opposite the northern demilitarized zone in the vicinity of the "Dan" Israel settlement. Israel military aircraft are, moreover, very active above Syrian territory and the demilitarized zone, providing cover for Israel ground forces.

Despite the orders and interventions of the Chairman of the Syrian-Israel Mixed Armistice Commission of the United Nations, the Israel armed forces have not evacuated the northern demilitarized zone.

The above-mentioned activities are a repetition of Israel acts of aggression already brought to the notice of the Security Council on 30 January and 4 February 1958.

The continuation of these acts of aggression and demonstrations of force renders the situation strained to the highest degree. All responsibility for any deterioration in this situation will necessarily fall upon the Israel authorities.

In bringing the foregoing facts to your attention I feel it to be my duty to point out the gravity of the present state of tension and of the complications which may result, and to ask you kindly to make the necessary arrangements to ensure that the contents of this letter are communicated to all States Members of the Security Council and of the United Nations as a matter of urgency.

I have the honour to be, etc.

(Signed) Jawdat Mufti
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