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THE PALESTINE QUESTION

Resolution adopted by the Security Council at its  
715th Meeting on 19 January 1956

The Security Council,

Recalling its resolutions of 15 July 1948, 11 August 1949, 18 May 1951, 24 November 1953, and 29 March 1955;

Taking into consideration the statements of the representatives of Syria and Israel and the reports of the Chief of Staff of the Truce Supervision Organization on the Syrian complaint that an attack was committed by Israeli regular army forces against Syrian regular army forces on Syrian territory on 11 December 1955;

Noting the report of the Chief of Staff that this Israeli action was a deliberate violation of the provisions of the General Armistice Agreement, including those relating to the Demilitarized Zone, which was crossed by the Israeli forces which entered Syria;

Noting also without prejudice to the ultimate rights, claims and positions of the parties that according to the reports of the Chief of Staff there has been interference by the Syrian authorities with Israeli activities on Lake Tiberias, in contravention of the terms of the General Armistice Agreement between Israel and Syria;

1. Holds that this interference in no way justifies the Israeli action;
2. Reminds the Government of Israel that the Council has already condemned military action in breach of the General Armistice Agreements, whether or not undertaken by way of retaliation, and has called upon Israel to take effective measures to prevent such actions;
3. Condemns the attack of 11 December as a flagrant violation of the cease-fire provisions of its resolution of 15 July 1948, of the terms of the General Armistice Agreement between Israel and Syria, and of Israel's obligations under the Charter;

4. Expresses its grave concern at the failure of the Government of Israel to comply with its obligations;
5. Calls upon the Government of Israel to do so in the future, in default of which the Council will have to consider what further measures under the Charter are required to maintain or restore the peace;
6. Calls upon the parties to comply with their obligations under Article 5 of the General Armistice Agreement to respect the Armistice Demarcation Line and the Demilitarized Zone;
7. Requests the Chief of Staff to pursue his suggestions for improving the situation in the area of Lake Tiberias without prejudice to the rights, claims and positions of the parties and to report to the Council as appropriate on the success of his efforts;
8. Calls upon the parties to arrange with the Chief of Staff for an immediate exchange of all military prisoners;
9. Calls upon both parties to co-operate with the Chief of Staff in this and all other respects, to carry out the provisions of the General Armistice Agreement in good faith, and in particular to make full use of the Mixed Armistice Commission's machinery in the interpretation and application of its provisions.

