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LETTER DATED 26 SEPTEMBER 1956 FROM THE REPRESENTATIVE OF ISRAEL ADDRESSED
TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to request that, in accordance with the established practice of the Security Council, Israel be given the opportunity to take part in the discussion by the Council of the item proposed by France and the United Kingdom (S/3654) as a Member State with special interest in the question.

This special interest derives from the restrictions imposed by Egypt on the passage of Israeli goods and shipping through the Suez Canal, which violate the central principle of the international convention under which the Canal is operated. The Security Council has taken cognizance of this matter in its resolution of 1 September 1951, which Egypt has disregarded, and in subsequent discussions in 1954 and 1955.

Please accept, etc.

(Signed) Abba Eban

Permanent Representative of
Israel to the United Nations

