



LETTER DATED 10 AUGUST 1955 FROM THE ACTING PERMANENT
REPRESENTATIVE OF ISRAEL ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF
THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour, on instructions from my Government, to inform you of a further deliberate breach by Egypt of the decision of the Security Council of 1 September 1951, which called upon her to cease all interference with international commercial shipping and goods through the Suez Canal wherever bound.

On 8 July 1955, the SS Fedala, a merchant vessel of Netherlands registry, was detained by the Egyptian authorities at Port Said in the course of a voyage from Massawa in Eritrea to Haifa in Israel. The cargo of the Fedala included a civilian motor car belonging to a resident of Israel. The motor car was seized by the Egyptian authorities, and after a delay of two days the vessel was released on 10 July and permitted to pursue its voyage.

This flagrant interference with a merchant vessel peacefully and legitimately plying the Suez Canal, aggravated by the confiscation of part of the cargo, is the most recent example of the purposeful and arbitrary manner in which the Government of Egypt continues to flout the will of the United Nations expressed in the decision of the Security Council of 1 September 1951.

In this connexion, I have also been instructed to draw the attention of the Security Council to the continued detention in Egypt of the Israel vessel Bat Galim which was illegally seized by the Egyptian authorities on 28 September 1954 at Port Tewfiq while about to enter the Suez Canal from the south.

I have the honour to request that this letter be circulated to all members of the Security Council.

