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LETTER DATED 7 SEPTEMBER 1955 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES
OF FRANCE, THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN
IRELAND, AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, TOGETHER WITH JOINT
DRAFT RESOLUTION

In the view of the Governments of France, the United Kingdom and the United States, the discontinuance of the talks initiated by the Chief of Staff of the Truce Supervision Organization in accordance with the Security Council's Resolution of 30 March 1955, and the recent outbreak of violence in the Gaza area make it imperative that an unconditional cease-fire be maintained in full force and effect in the area and that concrete measures be taken urgently by Egypt and Israel, in co-operation with the Chief of Staff, to prevent further incidents and to bring about order and tranquility in the area.

We have the honour therefore, on behalf of our Governments, to request you to convene a meeting of the Security Council as soon as possible, to consider: "The Palestine Question: Cessation of Hostilities and Measures to Prevent Further Incidents in the Gaza Area", and we propose that the Security Council should direct its discussions toward a consideration of the enclosed draft resolution which we shall recommend for adoption.

Accept, Excellency, etc.

(Signed) Herve Alphand

(Signed) Sir Pierson Dixon

(Signed) Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr.

DRAFT RESOLUTION: FRANCE, UNITED KINGDOM, UNITED STATES

The Security Council,

Recalling its resolution of 30 March 1955,

Having received the report of the Chief of Staff of the Truce Supervision Organization,

Noting with grave concern the discontinuance of the talks initiated by the Chief of Staff in accordance with the above-mentioned resolution,

Deploing the recent outbreak of violence in the area along the Armistice Demarcation Line established between Egypt and Israel on 24 February 1949,

1. Notes with approval the acceptance by both parties of the appeal of the Chief of Staff for an unconditional cease-fire;
2. Calls upon both parties forthwith to take all steps necessary to bring about order and tranquility in the area, and in particular to desist from further acts of violence and to continue the cease-fire in full force and effect;
3. Endorses the view of the Chief of Staff that the armed forces of both parties should be clearly and effectively separated by measures such as those which he has proposed;
4. Declares that freedom of movement must be afforded to United Nations Observers in the area to enable them to fulfill their functions;
5. Calls upon both parties to appoint representatives to meet with the Chief of Staff and to co-operate fully with him to these ends; and
6. Requests the Chief of Staff to report to the Security Council on the action taken to carry out this Resolution.

