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LETTER DATED 29 OCTOBER FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE  
OF EGYPT TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

With reference to the letter dated 27 October 1954 from the representative of Israel addressed to the President of the Security Council concerning the Israeli vessel Bat Galim, I have the honour to draw your attention to the gross errors it contains, in flagrant contradiction to the report by the Chief of Staff of the Truce Supervision Organization to the Secretary-General concerning the S/S Bat Galim (S/3309).

There is in fact no mention in this report of the "obstructive tactics of the Egyptian delegate". Nor does anything in the report ascribe to Egypt an attempt "to prevent any discussion of its own complaint in the Commission". And, finally, there is no reference in the report to a "deliberate frustration (by Egypt) of the purposes of the Council, and of the orderly procedures of the Mixed Armistice Commission".

The attitude of the Egyptian delegate to the Mixed Armistice Commission was dictated by the Egyptian Government's desire that the Commission should follow the procedure laid down for it in order to deal successfully with the cases submitted to it and present its report concerning the S/S Bat Galim to the Security Council.

The Egyptian Government, anxious that its complaint concerning the S/S Bat Galim should be considered by the Commission as soon as possible, thinks it essential that the Chairman should call an immediate meeting of the Commission, which should meet at very short intervals, even daily, in order to rule on the important questions now pending, including that of the S/S Bat Galim.

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The Egyptian Government has already instructed the Egyptian delegate to the Mixed Armistice Commission to communicate its request to the Chairman of the Commission.

I shall be obliged if you will give the necessary instructions for the present letter to be brought to the notice of the members of the Security Council

(Signed) Mahmoud Azmi

Permanent Representative of Egypt  
to the United Nations

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