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LETTER DATED 29 APRIL 1963 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF ISRAEL
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On the instructions of my Government, I have the honour to draw the attention of the members of the Security Council to the joint declaration of 17 April 1963 by the United Arab Republic, the Syrian Arab Republic and Iraq on the establishment of a Federation between these three States. This declaration states, among the principles and objectives of the new Federation, the following:

- (a) Unity is a revolution especially because it is strongly connected with the question of Palestine and the national duty to liberate it.
- (b) The establishment of a military unity capable of liberating the Arab homeland from the dangers of Zionism

The expression "liberation of Palestine" signifies nothing else than the aim to destroy Israel. These statements must be taken against the background of the proclaimed policies of the three countries concerned. The policies of these States are manifested by a complete refusal to recognize the right of Israel's existence, an unrelenting attitude of belligerency towards Israel, an obstinate opposition to settling outstanding issues by peaceful means and making any advance towards the establishment of permanent peace in the Middle East, and the accelerated accumulation of offensive armaments for the declared purpose of attacking Israel when the time comes, as stated by President Nasser at Port Said on 23 December 1962.

The statements appearing in the joint declaration of 17 April 1963 repeat in solemn and constitutional terms what has been said in innumerable declarations made by the leaders of these countries in the past, and they were further elaborated in public statements made by the Governments signatory to the joint declaration, when introducing the declaration to their own peoples.

It is unprecedented for a constitutional document of Member States of the United Nations to proclaim the destruction of another Member State - which is one of the avowed aims of the new Federation. Such a declaration is incompatible with

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the obligation of all Members of the United Nations to refrain in their international relations from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any State.

The Government of Israel, therefore, deems it necessary to place on record its view that these aims of the Cairo joint declaration are a flagrant violation of the Charter and a direct threat to international peace and security.

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

(Signed) Michael COMAY
Permanent Representative

