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LETTER DATED 21 MARCH 1962 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF
ISRAEL ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On instructions of the Government of Israel, I have the honour to bring to the attention of the Security Council a recurrence of acts of aggression and provocation by Syrian armed forces, following on the previous aggressive actions reported in my letter of 19 March 1962 (Document S/5093).

On 20 March 1962, at approximately 0945 hours, machine gun and artillery fire was opened on a police launch on routine patrol on Lake Tiberias, at a distance of approximately one kilometre from the village of El-Kursi on the eastern shore of the Lake. Two members of the crew were wounded and the launch was damaged. The fire was directed from positions situated some two hundred metres inland from the said village, and from other positions which are situated in the Demilitarized Zone. A formal complaint was immediately submitted by the Israel Delegation to the Mixed Armistice Commission.

As was stated in my previous letter, aggressive and provocative acts of this character, intended by the use of armed force to prevent the normal activities of Israel citizens and authorities inside Israel territory and on Lake Tiberias (which is in its entirety an integral part of sovereign Israel territory), impel the Government of Israel to call again upon the Syrian Government to desist forthwith from all aggressive acts and to respect its obligations under the United Nations Charter and the Israel-Syrian Armistice Agreement. If however such aggressive acts continue, Israel, in exercise of its right of self-defence, will have to use all the means at its disposal to prevent the continuance of such actions and to protect the rights of its citizens to free and uninterrupted use of its territory as well as the safety of its police on Lake Tiberias.

Having regard to the gravity of the situation created by the persistence of these aggressive actions on the part of the Syrian Armed Forces, I am instructed to submit the following complaints against Syria and to request an early meeting of the Security Council to consider them:

- (1) Complaint by Israel of repeated acts of aggression committed by Syrian armed forces against citizens and territory of Israel.
- (2) Complaint by Israel of threats against its territorial integrity and political independence made by the official spokesmen of the Syrian Government, manifesting aggressive intentions against Israel in flagrant violation of the United Nations Charter.

In bringing these complaints before the Security Council the Government of Israel, anxious for the maintenance of peace and security in the area, expresses the hope that the Council will succeed in preventing any further recurrence of such aggressive actions by Syria.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

(Signed) Michael CCMAI
Permanent Representative

