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TELEGRAMS DATED 2 JANUARY AND 3 JANUARY 1949  
FROM THE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE  
KINGDOM OF EGYPT TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE  
SECURITY COUNCIL CONCERNING THE RESOLUTION  
ADOPTED BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL ON 29 DECEMBER 1948

2 January 1949

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of the telegram of 29 December 1948 in which the Assistant Secretary-General was good enough to transmit to me the resolution concerning the situation in the Negeb adopted on that date by the Security Council at its 396th meeting. I hasten to inform Your Excellency that the Egyptian Government, following its policy of co-operation with the Security Council, accepts the Council's resolution of 29 December thus signifying its respect for the Council's decisions and its desire to promote the return of peace in Palestine. It should be recalled in this connexion that the Council's resolution of 4 November 1948, already accepted by the parties concerned, has not been implemented by the Zionists who, continuing their policy of systematic obstruction towards the Security Council's resolutions, persist in constantly violating the truce, an attitude which has gained them political and military advantages contrary to the Council's resolution of 19 August 1948. This Zionist attitude is not likely to promote the peaceful settlement of the Palestinian problem and calls for the application of the provisions of Chapter VII of the United Nations Charter as provided in the Council's resolutions of 29 May, 15 July and 4 November 1948.

I have the honour to be, etc.

Ibrahim Dessouf Abaza Pasha  
Minister for Foreign Affairs  
of the Kingdom of Egypt

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Following my telegram of 2 January 1949 communicating the Egyptian Government's acceptance of the resolution adopted by the Security Council on 29 December 1948, I have the honour to inform you that my Government is ready to give the necessary orders to its forces to cease fire if the Zionists do the same, since the Egyptian forces are on the defensive and are repelling an attack launched by the Zionists.

I have the honour to be, etc.

Ibrahim Dessouf Abaza Pasha  
Minister for Foreign Affairs  
of the Kingdom of Egypt

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