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SITUATION CREATED BY THE UNILATERAL ACTION OF THE EGYPTIAN
GOVERNMENT IN BRINGING TO AN END THE SYSTEM OF INTERNATIONAL
OPERATION OF THE SUEZ CANAL, WHICH WAS CONFIRMED AND COMPLETED
BY THE SUEZ CANAL CONVENTION OF 1888

Resolution adopted by the Security Council at its
743rd meeting on 13 October 1956

The Security Council,

Noting the declarations made before it and the accounts of the development
of the exploratory conversations on the Suez question given by the Secretary-
General of the United Nations and the Foreign Ministers of Egypt, France and the
United Kingdom;

Agrees that any settlement of the Suez question should meet the following
requirements:

- (1) there should be free and open transit through the Canal without
discrimination, overt or covert - this covers both political and technical
aspects;
- (2) the sovereignty of Egypt should be respected;
- (3) the operation of the Canal should be insulated from the politics of any
country;
- (4) the manner of fixing tolls and charges should be decided by agreement
between Egypt and the users;
- (5) a fair proportion of the dues should be allotted to development;
- (6) in case of disputes, unresolved affairs between the Suez Canal Company
and the Egyptian Government should be settled by arbitration with suitable
terms of reference and suitable provisions for the payment of sums found to be
due.

