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THE QUESTION OF THE SAFETY OF COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT FLYING IN THE VICINITY OF, OR INADVERTENTLY CROSSING, INTERNATIONAL FRONTIERS

Letter dated 21 August 1955 addressed to the Secretary-General by the Representative of Israel

New York, 21 August 1955

On instructions from the Government of Israel, I have the honour to request the inclusion of the following item in the provisional agenda of the tenth regular session of the United Nations General Assembly:

"The question of the safety of commercial aircraft flying in the vicinity of, or inadvertently crossing, international frontiers."

An explanatory memorandum is enclosed in accordance with rule 20 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly.

(Signed) M. R. KIDRON

for Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

THE QUESTION OF THE SAFETY OF COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT FLYING IN THE VICINITY OF, OR INADVERTENTLY CROSSING, INTERNATIONAL FRONTIERS

In recent years a number of tragic incidents of shooting down of commercial aircraft innocently deviating from fixed flight plans in the vicinity of or across international frontiers have occurred resulting in serious loss of life and causing grave international friction. It appears clear that existing international rules and practices in this field fail to provide the necessary protection for aircraft and their passengers in the circumstances indicated.

In inscribing this item on the agenda of the tenth regular session of the General Assembly the Government of Israel is concerned exclusively to propose that the General Assembly request the Secretary-General to undertake a study of this question in consultation with the specialized agencies concerned and any other body he may deem appropriate and report to the General Assembly at its eleventh regular session his findings and any recommendations he may wish to make for the prevention of such incidents and to provide greater safety for air passengers.
