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LETTER DATED 13 JUNE 1967 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF
THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS TO THE UNITED NATIONS
ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to forward herewith a letter from Mr. A.A. Gromyko, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the USSR, concerning the immediate convening of an emergency special session of the General Assembly to consider the question of liquidating the consequences of Israel's aggression against the Arab States and the immediate withdrawal of Israel troops behind the armistice lines.

(Signed) N. FEDORENKO

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Despite the Security Council's decisions concerning the cessation of hostilities between Israel and the Arab States, Israel is continuing its piratical aggression. In flagrant defiance of the Security Council demands for a cease-fire adopted on 6, 7 and 9 June, Israel has seized further territories belonging to the United Arab Republic, Jordan and Syria.

The Soviet Government considers it essential that the United Nations General Assembly, in accordance with Article 11 of the United Nations Charter, should consider the situation which has arisen and should adopt a decision designed to bring about the liquidation of the consequences of aggression and the immediate withdrawal of Israel forces behind the armistice lines.

The Soviet Government calls for the immediate convening of an emergency special session of the United Nations General Assembly for these purposes. The Soviet Government proposes that an emergency special session should be convened within twenty-four hours.

The Soviet Government requests you to take whatever steps are necessary for the convening of such a session and to notify it as promptly as possible of the exact date of opening of the General Assembly's session. The Soviet Government would inform you that it will send a delegation including leading statesmen of the Soviet Union to the General Assembly.

Kindly regard this letter as an explanatory memorandum within the meaning of rule 20 of the rules of procedure and circulate it without delay as an official document of the United Nations General Assembly.

(Signed) A. GROMYKO
Minister for Foreign Affairs of the USSR

His Excellency U Thant,
Secretary-General of the United Nations