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LETTER DATED 1 APRIL 1961 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF  
THE HASHEMITE KINGDOM OF JORDAN ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF  
THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour, upon instructions from my Government, to request that a meeting of the Security Council be held at the earliest possible date to consider the following complaint against Israel:

"Violation of the Armistice Agreement and acts of military provocation which threaten international peace and security."

I also have the honour to attach, herewith, an explanatory memorandum.

(Signed) Abdul Monem RIFAI  
Permanent Representative  
of the  
Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The Israeli authorities are contemplating to hold on 20 April 1961, in the Israeli-occupied part of the Holy City of Jerusalem, a military parade in which the Israeli troops, heavy armament and heavy war equipment will be displayed and reviewed.

On 17 March 1961, the Israeli authorities made a dress rehearsal for this purpose in Jerusalem in which heavy military armament took part.

The Government of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan submitted to the Jordan-Israel Mixed Armistice Commission complaint No. G 104 which was investigated by the United Nations military observers. On the basis of their findings the Mixed Armistice Commission on 20 March 1961 decided that "this act by Israel is a breach of the General Armistice Agreement." The Mixed Armistice Commission also condemned this act by Israel and called upon the Israeli authorities to take the strongest measures to prevent the recurrence of such a breach of the General Armistice Agreement and to refrain in the future from bringing to Jerusalem any equipment in excess to that allowed for under the terms of the General Armistice Agreement.

The decision of the Mixed Armistice Commission was circulated to the members of the Security Council in document No. S/4776 dated 31 March 1961.

In spite of the condemnation and the decision by the Mixed Armistice Commission, the Israeli authorities again made known their intentions to hold the contemplated military parade on 20 April 1961.

This contemplated act of military provocation on the part of Israel, in utter defiance and complete disregard of the decision of the Mixed Armistice Commission, if not prevented from taking place will endanger international peace and security.

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