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LETTER DATED 8 FEBRUARY 1969 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF JORDAN ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to request an urgent meeting of the Security Council to consider the continued Israeli defiance of the Security Council resolution on Jerusalem No. 252 dated 21 May 1968.

Although the Security Council has in that resolution called upon Israel "to rescind all such measures already taken and to desist forthwith from taking any further action which tends to change the status of Jerusalem", the Israeli authorities have never relented in their disregard of this clear warning and of the Assembly resolutions on this subject.

The most recent Israeli measure was the enactment of legislation designed to destroy the character of the City and incorporate the Arab life and institutions into Israeli life. The Arabs of Jerusalem have strongly expressed their opposition to this arbitrary and oppressive law, but the Israeli authorities paid no attention to their request; they insisted that if by the deadline which they have fixed in the legislation, i.e., 23 February 1969, the law is not complied with the oppressive measures embodied therein will be invoked.

The situation threatens not only the economic life of Christians and Moslems of Jerusalem, but also international peace and security. It calls for immediate consideration by the Security Council.

Please accept, etc.

(Signed) Muhammad H. EL-FARRA
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