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Your Excellency,

The Government of Israel has of late been aware of a noticeable improvement in the atmosphere surrounding international affairs and of the renewed widespread desire to arrive at peaceful and constructive solutions of the major international issues still pending. In pursuance ^{of} with its consistent policy to seek the friendship of all peace loving nations and to contribute to the measure of its ability to the establishment of normal and harmonious relations between all peoples, the Government of Israel wishes at this juncture to raise the question of the resumption of diplomatic relations between the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and Israel.

2. The Government of the Soviet Union severed its diplomatic relations with Israel after the explosion at the Soviet Legation in Tel Aviv of a bomb placed there by unknown criminals and the damage to person and property caused thereby. The Government of Israel recalls that in its Note of 10 February 1953 to the USSR Legation in Tel Aviv it expressed its profound regret at the crime committed against the Legation and offered its apologies for it as well as full compensation for the injuries and material losses which the Legation and its personnel had sustained. The Israel Police has made every effort to detect the

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criminals and bring them to justice. It will be recalled that for reasons beyond the control of the Israel Police the investigation of clues on the actual scene of the outrage could commence only fifteen hours after its occurrence. Extensive searches were conducted in the offices of certain organisations as well as in private houses, and scores of persons suspected of possible complicity were detained for interrogation.

The investigation has unfortunately yielded no tangible results so far, but the issue is by no means dormant and the quest for clues is continuing with full vigour in the hope that the apprehension and trial of the criminals and the infliction upon them of condign punishment may yet prove possible.

3. The Government of Israel takes this opportunity of recalling its reply of 8 December 1951 to the Note of the Soviet Foreign Ministry of 21 November 1951, in which it declared: "Israel has never agreed and will not agree to support the execution or the preparation of acts of aggression against the USSR or any other peace loving State." This policy remains unchanged. Having no hostile feelings towards the USSR, but on the contrary, being anxious to establish and maintain relations of friendship and amity with it, Israel will not be a party to any alliance or pact aiming at aggression against the Soviet Union.

4. The Government of Israel formally proposes to the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics that the normal diplomatic relations which were interrupted on 12 February 1953 be now re-established, in a spirit of true international friendship.

I take this opportunity of conveying to Your Excellency the assurance of my highest consideration.