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HZ 8/126 Eban submitted today following letter president Security Council on Egyptian action on Francmaria: "Have honor request following communication relating Israel Egypt armisticer Security Council resolution September first 1951 be brought Council's notice: one on December 14 Egyptian authorities Port Said intercepted Italian vessel Francmaria bound from Massawa Haifawards. Vessel later permitted continue voyage after 140 tons meat consigned Israel confiscated.

Two . This action Egyptian authorities like similar actions preceding it which have formed subject communication to council S/3093 flagrant violation Egypt's international obligations under 1888 convention twentyfive.

Three. Views United Nations authority responsible supervision armisticer conveyed in chief staff's report submitted council June 12 1951 S/2194. Chief staff stated:
(Here quoted Riley from paragraph beginning "It is quite clear action taken by Egyptian authorities" through paragraph beginning "Have no doubt in my mind armisticer never intend" and ending with words "which in their intent effects hostile".)

Four Chief staff while considering that on technical grounds it wasn't within his competence rule on rights parties regarding

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Suez directed strong request Egyptian delegate intercede his Government desist from present practice~~in~~ interfering goods destined Israel through Suez since such acts contruable inconsistent spirit armisticer.

Five matter brought before Security Council for adjudication. Council resolution S/2322 as adopted after noting (A) Egyptians uncomplied with earnest plea chief staff.made to Egyptians on June twelfth that it desist from present practice interfering goods destined Israel and (B) considering that since armistice regime which has been in existence nearly 30 months of permanent character neither party can reasonably assert its actively belligerent or requires exercise right visit search seizure for any legitimate purposes self-defence found that practice inconsistent with objectives peaceful settlement between parties establishment permanent peace in Palestine set forth in armisticer and that it was abuse exercise right visit search seizure. Council called upon Egypt terminate restrictions on passage international commercial shipping goods through Suez wherever bound and cease all interference such shipping beyond that essential for shipping safety in Canal itself and observance international conventions.

Six. Despite clear Security Council injuncion its rejection Egyptian claim belligerent rights against Israel Egypt persisted its interference with shipping trading with Israeli ports through Suez. Interference had in past two years taken form detention

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search such shipping confiscation certain classes goods.
Confiscation consignment meat aboard Francmaria represents
aggravation extention already illegitimate practice.

Seven. Memisrael wishes register its protest against latest
Egyptian violation its international obligations. It cannot
acquiesce in continuation this unlawful situation
reserves ~~xxx~~ right pursue matter further in accordance
relevant charter provisions Security Council resolution".

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