

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the Security Council on the implementation of the present resolution.

Adopted at the 1426th meeting by 13 votes to none, with 2 abstentions (Canada and United States of America).

Decisions

At its 1434th meeting, on 5 August 1968, the Council decided to invite the representatives of Jordan, Israel, the United Arab Republic and Iraq to participate, without vote, in the discussion of the item entitled:

"The situation in the Middle East:

"(a) Letter dated 5 June 1968 from the Permanent Representative of Jordan addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/8616);³⁰

"(b) Letter dated 5 June 1968 from the Permanent Representative of Israel addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/8617);³⁰

"(c) Letter dated 5 August 1968 from the Permanent Representative of Jordan addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/8721);³¹

"(d) Letter dated 5 August 1968 from the Permanent Representative of Israel addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/8724)."³¹

At its 1436th meeting, on 7 August 1968, the Council decided to invite the representatives of Syria and Saudi Arabia to participate, without vote, in the discussion of the question.

Resolution 256 (1968) of 16 August 1968

The Security Council,

Having heard the statements of the representatives of Jordan and Israel,

Having noted the contents of the letters of the representatives of Jordan and Israel in documents S/8616,³² S/8617,³² S/8721³³ and S/8724,³³

Recalling its previous resolution 248 (1968) condemning the military action launched by Israel in flagrant violation of the United Nations Charter and the cease-fire resolutions and deploring all violent incidents in violation of the cease-fire,

Considering that all violations of the cease-fire should be prevented,

³⁰ *Ibid.*, *Twenty-third Year, Supplement for April, May and June 1968.*

³¹ *Ibid.*, *Supplement for July, August and September 1968.*

³² *Ibid.*, *Supplement for April, May and June 1968.*

³³ *Ibid.*, *Supplement for July, August and September 1968.*

Observing that both massive air attacks by Israel on Jordanian territory were of a large scale and carefully planned nature in violation of resolution 248 (1968),

Gravely concerned about the deteriorating situation resulting therefrom,

1. *Reaffirms* its resolution 248 (1968) which, *inter alia*, declares that grave violations of the cease-fire cannot be tolerated and that the Council would have to consider further and more effective steps as envisaged in the Charter to ensure against repetition of such acts;

2. *Deplores* the loss of life and heavy damage to property;

3. *Considers* that premeditated and repeated military attacks endanger the maintenance of the peace;

4. *Condemns* the further military attacks launched by Israel in flagrant violation of the United Nations Charter and resolution 248 (1968) and warns that if such attacks were to be repeated the Council would duly take account of the failure to comply with the present resolution.

Adopted unanimously at the 1440th meeting.

Decisions

At its 1446th meeting, on 4 September 1968, the Council decided to invite the representatives of Israel and the United Arab Republic to participate, without vote, in the discussion of the item entitled: "The situation in the Middle East: Letter dated 2 September 1968 from the Acting Permanent Representative of Israel addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/8794)".³⁴

At the 1448th meeting, on 8 September 1968, the President read the following statement which was to be communicated to the Chief of Staff of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization and the parties:

"The Security Council, having met urgently to consider the item on its agenda contained in document S/Agenda/1448/Rev.1 [*The situation in the Middle East: Letter dated 2 September 1968 from the Acting Permanent Representative of Israel addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/8794)*],³⁵ Letter dated 8 September 1968 from the Permanent Representative of Israel addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/8805);³⁵ Letter dated 8 September 1968 from the Permanent Representative of the United Arab Republic addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/8806)³⁵], having heard the reports of General Odd Bull presented by the Secretary-General, and

³⁴ *Ibid.*

³⁵ *Ibid.*