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OF ISRAEL TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

The Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General, and has the honour to request that the letter of 25 March 1962, addressed to the Secretary-General by the Foreign Minister of Israel, in reply to the Secretary-General's letter of 2 January 1962 concerning resolution 1664 (XVI), be circulated as an official United Nations document.

MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Jerusalem, 25 March 1962

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to your letter of 2 January 1962 transmitting the text of resolution 1664 (XVI) adopted by the General Assembly at its 1070th meeting on 4 December 1961, and to submit the views of my Government thereon.

It is the established policy of the Government of Israel to support all effective measures designed to reduce the dangers facing mankind as a result of nuclear armaments.

My Government is fully aware that the nuclear armaments race constitutes a grave threat to world peace. Hence, Israel is in favour of all practical steps likely to reduce existing nuclear armaments and to prevent their further dissemination.

My Government would welcome the establishment of a system which would effectively advance this aim. Such a system must be based on universal reciprocity between all the Powers.

Furthermore, it is the view of my Government that any arrangement to be concluded between States, especially in areas of international tension, must take account of strategic realities, so as to ensure complete reciprocity in order not to prejudice the security of any of them. These arrangements must therefore include, as part of a general control system, binding mutual commitments between all States concerned, providing for inspection and verification by each other.

It is suggested that the proposals contained in resolution 1664 (XVI) be given further consideration within the framework of the discussions on general disarmament based on the principles agreed upon by the United States of America and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, which were endorsed unanimously by the General Assembly at its sixteenth session.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

His Excellency  
U Thant,  
Acting Secretary-General,  
United Nations.

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