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LETTER DATED 10 MAY 1967 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF ALGERIA
ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

As Permanent Representative of the Democratic and Popular Republic of Algeria to the United Nations and Chairman of the Arab Group for the month of May 1967, I have the honour to draw Your Excellency's attention to the grave and serious situation arising from Israel's decision to hold a military parade in the Holy City of Jerusalem on 15 May 1967.

This intended military parade, camouflaged by formal adherence to the General Armistice Agreement, is nothing but a step toward strengthening the Israeli conquest of the Holy City of Jerusalem to establish it as its political capital. No words could better describe this flagrant provocation than the very words of a member of the Israeli Cabinet, Mr. Ysrael Galili, published in the Jerusalem Post on 8 May 1967. They read as follows:

"We shall judge the Independence Day parade in Jerusalem not by the number of ambassadors present, but by our attitude towards the Defence Forces and the Capital. No country would be relieved of its obligation to send a representative to the parade. Israel had not asked permission to declare Jerusalem its capital or to transfer the Knesset there. The day would come when all the world's statesmen would realize that Jerusalem is the capital of Israel by virtue of the political fact we shall create."

These words speak for themselves in portraying Israel's continued and utter disregard for the principles and objectives of the United Nations.

I would be grateful if you would kindly circulate this letter as an official document of the Security Council.

Please accept, etc.

(Signed) Tewfik BOUATTOURA
Permanent Representative
Chairman of the Arab Group