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Letter dated 1 July 1953 addressed to the Chairman of the Conciliation Commission for Palestine by the Permanent Representatives to the United Nations of Egypt, Iraq, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, Syria and Yemen

Sir,

We wish to refer to our letter dated March 23, 1953, addressed to the Secretary-General concerning the action of Israel of selling private property belonging to Arab Refugees in Palestine, with which a Memorandum was attached under the same date and addressed to the Chairman of the Conciliation Commission. We have been grieved not to receive so far from the Commission any information as to what action they have taken in this respect. We must emphasize that this question is regarded by our respective governments as extremely important and of utmost urgency to all concerned. Not only the principle is in jeopardy, but the fact that Israel continues to sell private property not belonging to it, may lead to the most serious detriment of the interest of Arab refugees. So far, we are not aware that Israel had desisted from such action nor have assurances from Israel been secured by the Commission towards this end.

May we respectfully remind you, therefore, of this urgency and request that the Commission may give this problem its immediate attention.

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We would like to take this opportunity, Sir, to express to you the assurances of our highest consideration and esteem.

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