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LETTER DATED 29 NOVEMBER 1948 FROM ISRAEL'S FOREIGN MINISTER TO THE
SECRETARY-GENERAL CONCERNING ISRAEL'S APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION
TO MEMBERSHIP OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND DECLARATION ACCEPTING
OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE CHARTER

Paris, 29 November 1948

On May 14 1948, the independence of the State of Israel was proclaimed by the National Council of the Jewish people in Palestine by virtue of the natural and historic right of the Jewish people to independence in its own sovereign State and in pursuance of the General Assembly resolution of November 29, 1947. Since that date Israel has been consolidated administratively and defended itself successfully against the aggression of neighbouring States. It has so far achieved recognition by nineteen Powers.

On behalf of the Provisional Government of Israel, I have now the honour to request the admission of Israel as a Member of the United Nations in accordance with Article 4 of the Charter.

In view of the special nature of this application I would request that its consideration should proceed without regard to the deadlines fixed by rule 60, paragraphs 1-4, but in conformity with paragraph 5 of the same rule 60 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Security Council.

A formal declaration that the Government of Israel accepts all the obligations stipulated in the United Nations Charter is enclosed.

My Government submits that Israel's admission to the United Nations will constitute an act of international justice to the Jewish people, fully consistent with United Nations policy on Palestine, and will contribute to the stabilization of the Middle East and to the cause of international peace.

(Signed) Moshe Shertok
Minister for Foreign Affairs of the
Provisional Government of Israel

29 November 1948

DECLARATION

On behalf of the State of Israel, I, Moshe Shertok, Minister for Foreign Affairs, being duly authorized by the State Council of Israel, declare that the State of Israel hereby unreservedly accepts the obligations of the United Nations Charter and undertakes to honour them from the day when it becomes a Member of the United Nations.

(Signed) Moshe Shertok
Minister for Foreign Affairs of the
Provisional Government of Israel

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