Letter from Permanent Representative of the USSR to the United Nations, A. Gromyko, to I.V. Stalin, 29 May 1950

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To Comrade I.V. Stalin

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In a letter to the Foreign Minister of the USSR, the UN General Secretary attached a copy of the telegram from the Foreign Minister of Transjordan dated 25 April, which reports on the annexation of the Arab part of Palestine to Transjordan and on the formation of one state - the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, headed by King Abdullah.

If we leave such a letter without any response, it could be interpreted in a politically unfavourable light for us.

Considering that the annexation of the Arab part of Palestine to Transjordan is caused by Britain’s aspiration to maintain its position in Palestine and that such an annexation breaches the decision of the UN General Assembly of 29/XI/1947[[1]](#footnote-1), the Foreign Ministry of the USSR considers it necessary to state through the Soviet representative at the UN that the Soviet government considers the Transjordanian takeover of the Arab Part of Palestine illegal.

A draft statement is attached.

I request to review.

[Signed] Gromyko

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1. 29 November 1947. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)