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COMMUNICATION FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF PALESTINE
CONCERNING THE RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE
AT ITS TWELFTH MEETING

The following letter has been received from the Government of Palestine concerning the Resolution (Document A/AC.13/24) adopted by the Committee at its Twelfth Meeting on 22 June 1947:

Government of Palestine
Chief Secretary's Office
Jerusalem

23rd June 1947

Sir,

I am directed to inform you that it is observed from the press that your Committee has published a resolution expressing the concern of the majority of its members as to the possible unfavourable repercussions that the execution of the three death sentences pronounced by the Military Court at Jerusalem on June 16th might have on the fulfilment of the task with which the General Assembly of the United Nations has entrusted the Committee.

2. As the Committee is no doubt aware, the sentences referred to above have not been confirmed, and without such confirmation have no legal force or effect. The matter is therefore sub judice, and in these circumstances it is necessary to avoid public comment.

3. It is noted that the resolution refers to the 16th June as the day on which the Committee held its first meeting in Jerusalem. It is presumably not suggested that the Court pronounced sentence on this day otherwise than in the ordinary course of judicial process. There would of course be no truth in any such suggestion.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(H.L.G. Gurney)
CHIEF SECRETARY

The Principal Secretary
U.N.S.C.O.P.