

ANNEX A

No. 4214. CONVENTION ON THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL MARITIME CONSULTATIVE ORGANIZATION. DONE AT GENEVA on 6 MARCH 1948¹

DECLARATION relating to the declaration in respect of Israel made by the Government of Iraq² upon acceptance

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“The instrument of acceptance by the Government of Iraq of the above-mentioned Convention contains a statement of a political character in respect to Israel. In the view of the Government of Israel, this is not the proper place for making such political pronouncements, which are moreover, in flagrant contradiction to the principles, objects and purposes of the Organization. That statement, therefore, possesses no legal validity whatsoever.

“The Government of Israel utterly rejects that statement and will proceed on the assumption that it has no validity as to the rights and duties of any Member State to the said Organization.

“The declaration of the Government of Iraq cannot in any way affect Iraq’s obligations under the Constitution of the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization or whatever other obligations are binding upon that State by virtue of general international law.

“The Government of Israel will, in so far as concerns the substance of the matter, adopt toward the Government of Iraq an attitude of complete reciprocity.”

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 289, p. 3; for subsequent actions, see references in Cumulative Indexes Nos. 4 to 11, as well as annex A in volumes 784, 814, 820, 834, 857, 860, 861, 885, 886, 892, 897 and 898.

² *Ibid.* vol. 886, No. A-4214.