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STATEMENT OF RESIGNATION

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Following is an excerpt from a statement made by Dr. Moshe Sneh after the announcement of his resignation from the executive of the Jewish Agency. It is translated from the Hebrew.—Eds.

ON the fifth day of Teves (December 21, 1947) I informed the leadership of the Jewish Agency of my resignation. My statement is final. I shall give the reasons for my resignation in detail to the forthcoming session of the Zionist executive committee. However, in order to forestall mistaken and misleading interpretations, I deem it necessary now to give the general reasons for my resignation.

I do not leave the leadership because of some chance quarrel or a disagreement on a specific issue, but because this was necessary in view of a difference of outlook on the fundamental question of our foreign and domestic policies.

After the UN decision the future Jewish

state was put in the position of confronting serious dangers. On the one hand, dangers arose from the obstacles placed in our path and from becoming isolated. And on the other hand, we face the danger of being subjugated to imperialist rule. These dangers face us both from London and influential ruling circles in Washington and from the capitals of the Middle East. The obstacles placed in the path of fulfillment of the UN recommendations, the familiar policy of non-interference in the face of bloody attacks on the Jewish Yishuv, the joint Anglo-American interference with the "illegal" immigration from Eastern Europe—all these are only the first revelations of a program of weakening and subjugating us. In my conception of these dangers and choice of methods of acting against them, I find myself in disagreement with the members of the leadership of the Agency and I can no longer share collective responsibility with them.
