

**First.** — The basic principle which the United Arab Republic upholds, and will continue to uphold under all circumstances, is that no peace is possible with the continued Israeli occupation of the Arab lands and the existence of aggressive, expansionist tendencies. Such tendencies are plainly demonstrated in the whole comportment of Israeli policy documents issued by the directors of this policy. The harmful effect of these tendencies was not limited to the Arab situation and Arab right alone, but went so far as to infringe upon the United Nations itself — upon its Charter and resolutions.

**Second.** — The United Arab Republic has opened, and continues to open, every way before peace. This has been demonstrated in two specific stands :

1. The United Arab Republic's acceptance of Ambassador Gunnar Jarring's proposals ; whereas Israel refused even to answer his proposals.
2. President Anwar Al-Sadat came forward with an Egyptian initiative, in his speech on February 4, indicating the possibility of re-opening the Suez Canal to world navigation in return for a partial withdrawal of the Israeli forces.

**Third.** — The Egyptian initiative still stands ; but it should be understood by all parties that the proposed partial withdrawal, according to that initiative, does not constitute either a separate or a partial solution ; it is a procedural move which is physically tied up with the full solution on the basis of implementing the Security Council Resolution, with all its items, foremost among which is the withdrawal from all Arab territories occupied after June 5, 1967.

**Fourth.** — So that matters may be well-defined when putting this proposal into effect, it is important, so that we may be clearly understood, that the United Arab Republic reaffirms its conception as follows :

1. As soon as the partial withdrawal, which is the first stage of the all-out withdrawal, starts, the United Arab Republic is ready to start clearing the Suez Canal.
2. With the practical application of this, the United Arab Republic will accept extending the cease-fire for a definite period during which Ambassador Gunnar Jarring would be able to put the timetable for implementing the Security Council Resolution.

