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On the 26th of July 1956, the Suez Canal Company was nationalized. This exercise by the Government of Egypt of its right has, however, given rise to some opposition by a few Governments, particularly those of France and the United Kingdom. Such opposition is devoid of all foundation. The Suez Canal Company has always been an Egyptian Company liable, as all other Egyptian companies, to be nationalized. This nationalization does not in any way or to any extent affect the international commitments of Egypt. We are, as ever, determined to honour all our international obligations and both the Convention of 1888 and the assurance concerning it given in the Anglo-Egyptian Agreement of 1954 are and will be fully maintained. The freedom of navigation in the Suez Canal is neither affected nor involved in any manner or to any degree. Furthermore none could be more interested than Egypt in the freedom of passage and in the flourishing of traffic through the Canal. We are certain that the traffic through the Canal will in the coming years justify all our hopes and those of the whole world. Egypt is confident in the righteousness of its stand and will not be deflected from the course it has charted for itself in this respect, but will proceed forth in the service of its own interest and those of the world community of nations.