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REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE ISRAELI
PRACTICES AFFECTING THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF THE POPULATION
OF THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES

Report of the Secretary-General

1. At its thirty-fourth session, the General Assembly adopted resolutions 34/90 A, B and C of 12 December 1979 concerning the report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Population of the Occupied Territories. In paragraph 11 of resolution 34/90 A, the Assembly requested the Secretary-General:

(a) To provide all necessary facilities to the Special Committee, including those required for its visits to the occupied territories, with a view to investigating the Israeli policies and practices referred to in the resolution;

(b) To continue to make available additional staff as may be necessary to assist the Special Committee in the performance of its tasks;

(c) To ensure the widest circulation of the reports of the Special Committee, and of information regarding its activities and findings, by all means available through the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat and, where necessary, to reprint those reports of the Special Committee which are no longer available;

(d) To report to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session on the tasks entrusted to him in the present paragraph.

2. The present report is submitted in accordance with paragraph 11 (d) of resolution 34/90 A.

3. The Secretary-General continued, as in previous years, to provide the facilities required by the Special Committee. In response to the request addressed to him by the General Assembly in paragraph 11 (b) of resolution 34/90 A, the services of an additional staff member and of staff on temporary assistance were made available to assist the Special Committee.

4. In response to paragraph 11 (c) of General Assembly resolution 34/90 A, the Department of Public Information undertook the action outlined in the following paragraphs to ensure the widest possible dissemination of the report of the Special Committee (A/35/425).
5. Full coverage was given in press releases, both in English and French, to the hearings and other activities of the Committee during the year by the Press Section in the Press and Publications Division. Full coverage was also given to the debates on this subject in the General Assembly and other United Nations bodies. The Publications Service covered the activities of the Committee in both the UN Chronicle and the Yearbook of the United Nations.
6. The Radio Service covered the report and the proceedings of the Special Committee in its daily and weekly news summaries, on which radio broadcasts in 16 languages are based. The radio news magazine The Week at the United Nations gave the report extensive coverage. In addition, programmes for broadcast to the Middle East and North Africa placed special emphasis on this subject.
7. The Information Support Section sent a memorandum to all United Nations information centres informing them of the adoption of resolution 34/90. Copies of the report of the Special Committee were circulated to information centres, and other field offices in various languages according to local needs.
8. The Special Projects Unit informed the 97 students participating in the 1980 Graduate Study Programme about the report of the Special Committee during briefings on peace-keeping operations and on human rights.
9. The subject was also mentioned in two sections of "UN Today (Suggestions for Speakers), 1980", one on the Middle East and the other on human rights.
10. The Visitors' Section made available to educators, students and the general public information material which included the report of the Special Committee, resolution 34/90 and press releases of the Department of Public Information.
11. The Education Information Programmes briefed the participants in the Triangular Fellowship Programme, held at Mexico City, on the subject during a briefing on peace-keeping operations. The United Nations film "Soldiers in the Sinai" was screened after the briefing.
12. The Non-Governmental Organizations Section displayed in the NGO Lounge the publications and information material produced by the Special Committee as well as its report.