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Note by the Secretary-General

At its 1210th meeting, on 14 March 1973, the Commission on Human Rights adopted resolution 4 (XXIX), entitled "Question of the violation of human rights in the territories occupied as a result of hostilities in the Middle East". In conformity with operative paragraph 7, the Secretary-General has the honour to bring this resolution to the attention of the members of the General Assembly and the Security Council.

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4 (XXIX). Question of the violation of human rights in the territories occupied as a result of hostilities in the Middle East

The Commission on Human Rights,

Guided by the principles and purposes of the Charter of the United Nations, as well as the principles and provisions of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,

Bearing in mind the provisions of the fourth Geneva Convention of 12 August 1949, relative to the protection of civilian persons in time of war,

Recalling the pertinent United Nations resolutions on the protection of human rights and the fundamental freedoms of the inhabitants of the occupied Arab territories,

Further recalling that the General Assembly in its resolution 2949 (XXVII) declared "that changes carried out by Israel in the occupied Arab territories in contravention of the Geneva Conventions of 1949 are null and void", and called upon all States "not to recognize any such changes and measures carried out by Israel in the occupied Arab territories",

Taking note of the reports of the United Nations and other international humanitarian organizations on the situation of the inhabitants of the occupied Arab territories,

Greatly alarmed by the continuation of the violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms, by Israel, in the occupied Arab territories, in particular the destruction of houses, expropriation of Arab properties, ill treatment of prisoners, the pillaging of the archeological and cultural heritage and the exploitation of the natural resources of those territories,

Deeply concerned by the fact that Israel continues to establish Israeli settlements in the occupied Arab territories, encourages massive immigration to that end, continues to deport and transfer the indigenous Arab population and refuses the return of the refugees and displaced persons to their homes,

Convinced that Israel's deliberate policy of annexation and of settlement in the occupied Arab territories is in contravention of the Charter of the United Nations, international humanitarian law and basic human rights and fundamental freedoms,

Deploing Israel's persistent defiance of the relevant resolutions of the United Nations and its continued policy of violating the basic human rights of the population in the occupied Arab territories,

1. Deplores Israel's continued grave breaches of the fourth Geneva Convention in the occupied Arab territories, which were considered by the Commission on Human Rights as war crimes and an affront to humanity;

2. Reaffirms that all measures taken by Israel to change the demographic structure and status of the occupied Arab territories, including occupied Jerusalem, are null and void;

3. Calls upon Israel to comply with its obligations under the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the principles of international humanitarian law, to abide by its obligations under the fourth Geneva Convention and to respect and implement the relevant United Nations resolutions;

4. Further calls upon Israel to stop immediately the establishment of settlements in the occupied Arab territories and to rescind all policies and measures affecting the physical character and demographic composition of those territories;

5. Calls upon all States to do their utmost to ensure that Israel respects the principles of human rights and fundamental freedoms and that it desists from all acts and policies aimed at changing the physical character and demographic composition of the occupied Arab territories, particularly through the establishment of settlements and the deportation and transfer of the Arab population;

6. Considers that Israel's policy of settling parts of its population, including immigrants, in the occupied Arab territories, is a flagrant violation of article 49 of the fourth Geneva Convention, as well as of the relevant United Nations resolutions, and calls upon all States and organizations not to assist Israel in any way to enable it to pursue its policy of colonizing the occupied Arab territories;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to bring the present resolution to the attention of all Governments, the competent United Nations organs, specialized agencies and regional intergovernmental organizations, and to give it the widest possible publicity and to report to the Commission on Human Rights at its next session;

8. Decides to place on the provisional agenda of its thirtieth session, as a matter of high priority, the item entitled "Questions of the violation of human rights in the territories occupied as a result of hostilities in the Middle East".
