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Note by the Secretary-General

At its 1254th meeting, on 11 February 1974, the Commission on Human Rights adopted resolution 1 (XXX), 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 9, the Secretary-General has the honour to bring this resolution to the attention of the members of the General Assembly and the Security Council.

ANNEX

1 (XXX). 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 Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War, of 12 August 1949, a/

Recalling the pertinent United Nations resolutions on the situation in the occupied territories and on the protection of human rights and the fundamental freedoms of the inhabitants of the occupied Arab territories, including the resolutions of the Commission on Human Rights,

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

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, pillaging of the archaeological and cultural heritage and exploitation of the natural resources of those territories, and interference in family life and religious freedom and practices,

Deeply concerned over Israel's persistence in establishing settlements in the occupied Arab territories, implementing massive programmes of immigration, continuing the deportation and transfer of the indigenous population and refusing the return of the refugees and displaced persons to their homes,

1. Deplores Israel's continued grave breaches in the occupied Arab territories, of the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War, of 12 August 1949, which have been considered by the Commission on Human Rights as war crimes and an affront to humanity;

2. Deplores Israel's persistent defiance of the relevant resolutions of the United Nations and its continued policy of violating the basic human rights of the inhabitants of the occupied Arab territories;

a/ United Nations, Treaty Series, vol. 75, No. 973, p. 287.

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

4. Declares that Israel's policy of annexation, establishment of settlements and transfer of an alien population to the occupied territories is in contravention of the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, the principles and provisions of international law concerning occupation, the principles of sovereignty and territorial integrity, and the basic human rights and fundamental freedoms of the people;

5. Calls upon Israel once more to comply with its obligations under the Charter of the United Nations and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, to acknowledge and abide by its obligations under the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War and to implement all the relevant United Nations resolutions;

6. 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;

7. Reaffirms that Israel's policy of settling parts of its population and new immigrants in the occupied territories is a flagrant violation of the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War and of the relevant United Nations resolutions;

8. Calls upon all States to do their utmost to ensure that Israel respects the provisions of the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War 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 indigenous inhabitants;

9. 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;

10. Decides to place on the provisional agenda of its thirty-first session, as a matter of high priority, the item entitled "Question of the violation of human rights in the territories occupied as a result of hostilities in the Middle East".
