



SECOND COMMITTEE
Agenda item 12 (e)

REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL
GLOBAL STRATEGY FOR SHELTER TO THE YEAR 2000

Note by the Secretary-General

The Secretary-General transmits herewith for consideration the text of resolution 11/3 of the Commission on Human Settlements, 1/ in which the Commission recommended a draft resolution to the General Assembly for adoption at its forty-third session.

Use of the term "settlements" in relation to Israeli colonies in occupied territories

The Commission on Human Settlements,

Recalling the Vancouver Declaration on Human Settlements, 2/ and the relevant recommendations for national action 3/ adopted at Habitat: United Nations Conference on Human Settlements,

1/ See Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-third Session, Supplement No. 8 (A/43/8), annex I, sect. A.

2/ Report of Habitat: United Nations Conference on Human Settlements, Vancouver, 31 May-11 June 1976 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.76.IV.7 and corrigendum), chap. I.

3/ Ibid., chap. II.

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 42/190 of 11 December 1987 on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territories,

Taking note of the various reports presented by the Executive Director,

Noting the conceptual conflict between human settlements terminology and that used for Israeli settlements,

Convinced of the colonial nature of the Israeli settlements,

Recommends to the General Assembly the adoption at its forty-third session of the following draft resolution:

"The General Assembly,

"Noting the definition of the concept 'human settlements' in the Vancouver Declaration on Human Settlements, 2/

"Also noting the aggressive, inhuman and colonial nature of the Israeli settlements,

"Convinced of the conceptual differences between the two terms,

"1. Decides to use the term 'Israeli colonies in occupied territories' instead of 'Israeli settlements' in all United Nations documentation;

"2. Requests the Secretary-General to ensure implementation of the present resolution throughout the United Nations system and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-fourth session, through the Economic and Social Council."
