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Letter dated 25 June 1984 from the Chairman of the Committee
on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian
People to the Secretary-General

As Chairman of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, it is my obligation to bring to your attention still further action being taken by the Government of Israel in its continuing process of annexing the occupied territories of the West Bank.

It has come to the attention of the Committee that the Israeli Ministerial Committee for Settlements decided on 10 June 1984 to approve the establishment of three new settlements on the West Bank. The source for this information is Ha'aretz of 11 June 1984, where it is reported that one settlement will be called Eli-Shemaa on the land of the Arab village of Haris and the other two will be called Nirya and Yaarit.

It is of interest that the Israeli Minister for Justice, Moshe Nesset, objected to the establishment of these new settlements as the land was private and belonged to Palestinians in the occupied territory. Furthermore, the Israeli Attorney General himself requested the delay of the establishment of the settlements until proper ownership of the land would be determined by the Court.

Despite the intervention of the Minister for Justice and the Attorney General, the Ministerial Committee for Settlements under the direction of Yuval Niaman, Minister for Science and Development, decided to proceed with its plans.

In this connection, may I also bring to your attention that the daily newspaper Ma'ariv reported on 8 June 1984 that the Israeli Minister for Finance had approved an additional budget of one and a half billion shekels to be invested in new settlements in Gush Katif in the Gaza Strip on lands belonging to Arabs.

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As on previous occasions this information is being communicated to you in order that you may be kept aware of the persistent activity taken against the Palestinians living under Israeli occupation and to express the concern of the Committee regarding constant violations of Palestinian rights, United Nations resolutions and the Geneva Convention of 1949.

Accordingly, I should be grateful if you would be so good as to have this letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under item 33 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Massamba SARRE
Chairman of the Committee on the
Exercise of the Inalienable
Rights of the Palestinian People
