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WITH REGIONAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL BODIES CONCERNED WITH HUMAN RIGHTS

Note by the Secretary-General

At its forty-first session, the Economic and Social Council adopted resolution 1159 (XLI)^{1/} regarding co-operation with regional intergovernmental bodies concerned with human rights. Under the terms of this resolution, the Council, desiring to make use of all possible information and experience to advance the realization of human rights and fundamental freedoms for all without distinctions as to race, sex, colour or religion, *inter alia*, invited the Secretary-General to arrange for the exchange of information on matters relating to human rights between the Commission and the Council of Europe, the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, the Organization of African Unity, the League of Arab States and other regional intergovernmental organizations particularly concerned for human rights.

The present note contains a communication dated 14 November 1974 received from the League of Arab States in response to the invitation of the Secretary-General for the submission of information within the framework of the exchange provided for in the resolution.

^{1/} The resolution was adopted at the 1445th plenary meeting of the Council on 5 August 1966.

The Seventh Meeting
of the Standing Arab Commission on
Human Rights

The Standing Arab Commission on Human Rights held its Seventh Meeting at the Headquarters of the League of Arab States from 1 to 23 January, 1974. The item on the agenda was "Human Rights in Armed Conflicts". The Commission held twelve sittings in which experts from member-States of the Arab League and the Palestine Liberation Organisation participated. The following recommendations were adopted by the Commission:

I. The Representation of the Palestine Liberation Organisation
and African Liberation Movements:

The Commission urged Arab States to use their good offices with the Swiss Government to secure her agreement for the representation of the Palestine Liberation Organisation and African Liberation Movements as observers in the sessions of the Fifth Diplomatic Conference in Geneva in February, 1974.

II. Affirmation of the resolution adopted by the 22nd Conference of the Red Cross held in Teheran in November 1973, on the prohibition of using particular weapons on humanitarian grounds.

III. Arab delegates to the Diplomatic Conference were called upon to refer to Israel's violations of human rights and the Four Geneva Conventions, particularly its inhuman treatment of civilians and of Arab prisoners members of liberation movements. Delegates were recommended to throw light on Israel's treatment of religious persons in the occupied territories.
