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Chairman: Mr. RODRIGUEZ MEDINA (Colombia)

later: Mr. STARCEVIC (Yugoslavia)

CorrigendumAt the end of page 14, add the following:

"massive settlements all over the West Bank are the best answer to various plans that outsiders are trying to foist on Israel".

Sharon, who continues to be a member of the Cabinet, is not satisfied with the annexation of Palestine, but has claims on Jordan as well. Speaking at Tapuch settlement in the West Bank on 26 September 1983, he said:

"As we approach the struggle over these areas [West Bank and Gaza] it now appears that we should no longer stress the contribution to security but rather the fact that Tapuch and these settlements are an integral part of Eretz Yisrael, just like Jerusalem, Hebron, Nablus and the mountains of Arlead [in Jordan]."

Sharon insisted:

"Even if today we don't claim the 75 per cent of Eretz Yisrael which was handed over to the remnant of the Hashemite royal family, and where a Palestinian State has now risen, we will always recall that these parts of Eretz Yisrael, which are not in our hands, are ours."

More fanatical statements were made by Eitan, who declared:

"... even for peace, Israel must not make any territorial concessions", and added:

"The Zionist goal of achieving peace is no less important than the pseudo-goal of settling the West Bank".

Another similar statement by Eitan appeared in Ha'aretz, on 10 August 1982, when he said:

"Israel should firmly inform the Arabs that the entire land of Israel [historical Palestine] belongs to us and that they have no right to claim even one centimetre."

Even more audacious are the pledges made by Begin while speaking before a crowd of 35,000 at the West Bank settlement of Ariel, when he said:

"I Menachem, the son of Ze'ev and Hasia Begin, do solemnly swear that as long as I serve the nation as Prime Minister we will not leave any part of Judea, Samaria, the Gaza Strip, and the Golan Heights." (Jerusalem Post, 21 May 1981)

On 25 April 1982 Begin stated on the National Broadcasting Company (NBC) programme "Meet the Press":

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