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REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE ISRAELI
PRACTICES AFFECTING THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF THE POPULATION
OF THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES

Report of the Secretary-General

1. At its twenty-ninth session, the General Assembly adopted resolutions 3240 A and C (XXIX) of 29 November 1974, concerning the report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Population of the Occupied Territories. In paragraph 10 (a) and (b) of resolution 3240 A (XXIX), the Assembly requested the Secretary-General "to render all necessary facilities to the Special Committee, including those required for visits to the occupied territories with a view to investigating Israeli policies and practices referred to in the present resolution", and "to ensure the widest circulation of the reports of the Special Committee, and of information regarding its activities and findings, by all means available through the Office of Public Information of the Secretariat". In paragraph 4 of resolution 3240 C (XXIX), the General Assembly also requested the Secretary-General "to make available to the Special Committee all the facilities necessary in the performance of its task".
2. The present report is submitted in accordance with paragraph 10 (c) of resolution 3240 A (XXIX) and paragraph 4 of resolution 3240 C (XXIX), by which the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to report to it at its thirtieth session on the tasks entrusted to him.
3. The Secretary-General continued, as in previous years, to furnish the facilities requested by the Special Committee.
4. In response to the request addressed to the Secretary-General by the General Assembly in paragraph 10 (b) of resolution 3240 A (XXIX), the Office of Public Information has taken appropriate steps to ensure wide circulation of the reports of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Population of the Occupied Territories. The Office of Public Information has also disseminated extensively information regarding the Special Committee's activities and findings.

5. In addition to being made available to correspondents and representatives of non-governmental organizations at Headquarters, the report of the Special Committee to the General Assembly at its twenty-ninth session (A/9817) was forwarded to all United Nations information centres, with instructions for redissemination. Progress reports from the information centres covering the period from January to September 1975 indicate that, as a result, the reports of the Special Committee received extensive publicity in the areas serviced by the centres.

6. Copies of the report of the Special Committee were provided in response to requests for information received by mail or from visitors to United Nations Headquarters. Material on the work of the Special Committee, including its reports, was distributed also in connexion with requests for information on human rights. The Special Committee's work was described in lectures to students visiting United Nations Headquarters and the United Nations Office at Geneva.

7. The activities of the Special Committee and the results of its meetings at Beirut and Damascus were the subject of news items in "The week at the United Nations", a radio programme distributed to some 700 stations in the United States and 200 stations in English-speaking countries overseas, as well as in the "Weekly news summary", used by the Radio Service of the Office of Public Information, by accredited radio correspondents, and by radio networks in 95 countries and territories.

8. Further coverage will be given to this subject by the various services of the Office of Public Information when the report of the Special Committee to the twenty-ninth session (A/10272) is discussed by the General Assembly.
