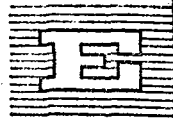


UNITED NATIONS
ECONOMIC
AND
SOCIAL COUNCIL



Distr.
GENERAL

E/CN.4/1264
12 December 1977

Original: ENGLISH

COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

Thirty-fourth session
Item 4 of the provisional agenda

QUESTION OF THE VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE OCCUPIED
ARAB TERRITORIES, INCLUDING PALESTINE

Report of the Secretary-General

1. At its thirty-third session the Commission on Human Rights adopted on 15 February 1977 resolutions 1 A and B (XXXIII). By paragraph 11 of resolution 1 A (XXXIII) the Commission requested the Secretary-General to bring that resolution to the attention of all Governments, the competent United Nations organs, the specialized agencies, regional intergovernmental organizations and the international humanitarian organizations and to give it the widest possible publicity, and to report to the Commission at its thirty-fourth session. By paragraph 4 of resolution 1 B (XXXIII) the Commission requested the Secretary-General to bring that resolution to the attention of all Governments, the competent United Nations organs, the specialized agencies, the regional intergovernmental organizations and the international humanitarian organizations.
2. In accordance with the request of the Commission the Secretary-General brought resolutions 1 A and B (XXXIII) to the attention of all Governments, by note verbale dated 20 June 1977. The resolutions were also brought to the attention of the members of the General Assembly and the Security Council in document A/32/148-S/12379. They were communicated to the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Population of the Occupied Territories and to the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People by letters dated 27 June 1977.
3. Furthermore, the resolutions were transmitted to all the specialized agencies and to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East. The Council of Europe, the Organization of African Unity, the Organization of American States, and the League of Arab States were also sent copies of the resolutions.
4. In response to paragraph 11 of Commission on Human Rights resolution 1 A (XXXIII) the Office of Public Information continued to take steps to ensure that the resolution would receive the widest possible publicity.

GE.77-12418

5. The action of the Commission on Human Rights in adopting the above resolution was fully covered as part of a five-page article entitled "Human Rights Commission acts on situation in southern Africa and Israeli-occupied territories" in the April 1977 issue of the UN Chronicle. Press releases, reporting on the daily activities of the Commission, also covered the adoption and content of the resolution.

6. Items concerning the above resolution and relevant discussions in the Commission on Human Rights were included in the daily news bulletins issued by the Radio News Desk on 10, 11, 15, 16 and 17 February 1977, and in the Weekly Summaries of 10 and 17 February and 17 March 1977, and broadcast via short wave in 18 languages (Amharic, Arabic, Chinese, English, Filipino, French, Greek, Hebrew, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese, Portuguese, Russian, Somali, Spanish, Swahili, Turkish and Urdu).

7. In addition, the quarter-hour programme The Week at the United Nations covered this resolution in its editions of 11 and 17 February 1977. This programme was made available to some 1,800 radio stations in North America, the Caribbean, Africa, Asia and Oceania.

8. The weekly quarter-hour programme Arabic Prospects of 28 January 1977 covered this issue and was distributed to 28 radio stations in the Arab world.

9. The Middle East Section of the Radio Service conducted interviews with various delegates on this issue for distribution and broadcast by radio stations of Member States using Arabic.
