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ARAB TERRITORIES, INCLUDING PALESTINE

Letter dated 4 January 1988 from the Permanent Representative of
the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to the United Nations
Office at Geneva addressed to the Under-Secretary-General for
Human Rights

I am transmitting to you herewith the text of a letter from V.B. Lomeiko,
Ambassador of the USSR to the Commission on Human Rights.

I should be grateful if you would bring its contents urgently to the
attention of the members of the Commission on Human Rights.

(Signed) E. MAKEEV
Permanent Representative
of the USSR to the
United Nations Office at Geneva

Annex

The Soviet people are shaken by the gross and massive violations of human rights committed against the Arab population in the Israeli-occupied territories of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. The shooting and arrests of peaceful inhabitants, the cruel and unjust trials and the forcible mass deportation of Palestinians constitute flagrant violations of international law and the United Nations Covenants on Human Rights and defiance of the civilized laws and customs of the international community.

The Soviet people resolutely protest against the inhuman policy and practices of the Israeli authorities, who are grossly trampling the Palestinians' rights. They call for the expression of international support for, and solidarity with the valient Palestinian people.

Ambassador V.B. Lomeiko
Representative of the USSR to
the Commission on Human Rights