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REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE UNITED NATIONS RELIEF
AND WORKS AGENCY FOR PALESTINE REFUGEES IN THE
NEAR EAST

Report of the Ad Hoc Political Committee

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1. The General Assembly, on 8 December 1949, adopted resolution 302 (IV) establishing the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East. The resolution requested the Director of the Agency to submit an annual report and such other reports as the Agency might wish to bring to the attention of Members of the United Nations, or its appropriate organs. In accordance with that resolution, the Director of UNRWA submitted to the General Assembly in September 1952 an annual report covering the period 1 July 1951 to 30 June 1952^{1/} and on 13 October 1952 a special report of the Director and the Agency's Advisory Commission^{2/} containing recommendations for the future work of assistance to the Palestine refugees.
2. The General Assembly, at its 380th plenary meeting on 16 October 1952, decided to include the above reports in its agenda as item 20, and, at its 382nd plenary meeting on 17 October, referred the item to the Ad Hoc Political Committee for consideration and report.
3. The Ad Hoc Political Committee, at its second meeting, on 22 October 1952, decided to discuss the question as the first item of its agenda.
4. The Committee considered the item at its 3rd to 7th meetings between 23 and 30 October 1952.

^{1/} A/2171, Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventh session, Supplement No. 13.

^{2/} A/2171/Add.1.

5. At the 3rd meeting, on 23 October 1952, the Director of UNRWA, at the invitation of the Committee, made a statement regarding the annual and special reports.
6. At the following meeting, on 27 October, France, Turkey, the United Kingdom and the United States of America submitted a joint draft resolution (A/AC.61/L.1). Recalling previous General Assembly resolutions, and recognizing that immediate realization of the goals for the reduction of relief expenditure, envisaged in the three-year \$250 million relief and reintegration programme approved in resolution 513 (VI), had not proved possible, the draft resolution authorized the agency to increase the budget for relief to \$23 million for the fiscal year ending 30 June 1953, and to make such further adjustments as it might deem necessary to maintain adequate standards. It also authorized the Agency to adopt an \$18 million relief budget for the fiscal year ending 30 June 1954, and to allocate any funds remaining for reintegration according to time schedules deemed appropriate. The draft resolution requested that negotiations regarding contributions for the programme should be carried out with Member and non-Member States by the Negotiating Committee for Extra-Budgetary Funds.
7. At the 6th meeting on 29 October, El Salvador introduced an amendment (A/AC.61/L.2) which would add at the end of the operative part of the four-Power draft resolution a fourth paragraph reiterating gratitude to the voluntary agencies of various countries, and especially of the United States of America, for their co-operation and requesting them to continue their effective, humanitarian assistance.
8. At the 7th meeting on 30 October, the Philippines submitted an amendment to the four-Power draft resolution which would add, after the amendment proposed by El Salvador, a paragraph expressing appreciation of the collaboration of the specialized agencies and the hope that such collaboration would continue.
9. The Committee decided, at the suggestion of the United States of America and with the agreement of El Salvador and the Philippines who accordingly withdrew their amendments, to include in the record a statement by the Chairman on behalf of the Committee expressing appreciation for the close collaboration of the specialized agencies and the hope that it would continue in increasing measure, and reiterating its gratitude to the numerous voluntary agencies, mostly religious

agencies of various countries, which on their own initiative had co-operated with UNRWA, and urgently requesting them to continue their effective, humanitarian assistance which the civilized world needed and profoundly appreciated and wholeheartedly commended.

10. The Committee then proceeded to vote on the joint draft resolution. It was adopted by 50 votes to none, with 7 abstentions.

11. The Ad Hoc Political Committee therefore recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following resolution:

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The General Assembly;

Recalling its resolutions 194 (III) of 11 December 1948, 302 (IV) of 8 December 1949, 393 (V) of 2 December 1950 and 513 (VI) of 26 January 1952,

Having examined the report of the Director of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East and the special joint report of the Director and Advisory Commission of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency,

Noting that negotiations have taken place between the Agency and Governments of Near Eastern Countries under the programme approved in resolution 513 (VI),

Having in mind the goals for the reduction of relief expenditure envisaged in the three-year \$250 million relief and reintegration programme, approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 513 (VI) without prejudice to the provisions of paragraph 11 of resolution 194 (III) or to the provisions of paragraph 4 of resolution 393 (V) relative to reintegration either by repatriation or resettlement,

Recognizing, that immediate realization of these goals has not proved possible and that increased relief expenditures are therefore required, with a resultant reduction in the reintegration funds,

1. Authorizes the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East to increase the budget for relief to \$23,000,000 for the fiscal year ending 30 June 1953 and to make such further adjustments as it may deem necessary to maintain adequate standards; and to adopt a budget for relief of \$18,000,000 for the fiscal year ending 30 June 1954 which shall be subject to review at the eighth regular session of the General Assembly;

2. Authorizes the Agency to allocate funds remaining for reintegration according to time schedules deemed appropriate up to 30 June 1954;

3. Requests that negotiations regarding contributions for the programme be carried out with Member and non-Member States by the Negotiating Committee for Extra-Budgetary Funds.