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

Australia, Austria, Belgium*, Czech Republic*, Denmark*, Finland,
France, Germany, Greece*, Ireland*, Italy, Luxembourg*, Malta*,
Netherlands, Portugal*, Spain*, Sweden* and United Kingdom of
Great Britain and Northern Ireland: draft resolution

Israeli settlements in the occupied Arab territories

The Commission on Human Rights,

Recalling that, in accordance with article 13, paragraph 2, of the
Universal Declaration of Human Rights, everyone has the right to leave any
country, including his own, and to return to his country,

Reaffirming that the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of
Civilian Persons in Time of War, of 12 August 1949, is applicable to
Palestinian and all Arab territories occupied by Israel since 1967, including
Jerusalem,

* In accordance with rule 69, paragraph 3, of the rules of procedure of
the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council.

Recalling its resolutions 1990/1 of 16 February 1990, 1991/3 of 15 February 1991, 1992/3 of 14 February 1992 and 1993/3 of 19 February 1993 which, inter alia, reaffirmed the illegality of Israeli settlements in the occupied territories,

Gravely concerned at the continued establishment by the Israeli Government, and at its allowing the establishment of settlers in the occupied territories, which may change the physical character and demographic composition of the occupied territories,

Welcoming the positive development which originated with the International Peace Conference on the Middle East, convened at Madrid on 30 October 1991, including in particular the Declaration of Principles on Interim Self-Government Arrangements signed in Washington by the Government of Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization on 13 September 1993 and the subsequent agreement on the Gaza Strip and Jericho signed in Cairo by the same parties on 4 May 1994, as well as all their continuing efforts for the creation of a peaceful and stable environment in the Middle East,

Noting the report (E/CN.4/1995/19), submitted by the Special Rapporteur pursuant to resolution 1993/2 A of 19 February 1993, in which he refers, inter alia, to the continued resort to expropriation and to the expansion of existing settlements,

Convinced that a complete cessation by Israel of its policy of expanding the settlements would constitute, especially at the present stage of the peace process, a meaningful contribution to the creation of a peaceful and stable environment,

1. Reaffirms that the installation of Israeli civilians in the occupied territories is illegal and constitutes a violation of the relevant provisions of the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War, of 12 August 1949;

2. Regrets that the Government of Israel has not fully complied with the provisions of Commission on Human Rights resolutions 1990/1, 1991/3, 1992/3, 1993/3 and 1994/1;

3. Urges the Government of Israel to abstain fully from installing any settlers in the occupied territories and to prevent any new installation of settlers in these territories.
