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QUESTION OF THE VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS
IN ANY PART OF THE WORLD, WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO COLONIAL
AND OTHER DEPENDENT COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES

Algeria, Bahrain*, Bangladesh, Egypt, Indonesia, Kuwait*,
Lebanon*, Malaysia, Mauritania, Morocco*, Oman*, Qatar*,
Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic*, Tunisia, United Arab
Emirates* and Yemen: draft resolution

1995/... Human rights situation in southern Lebanon
and the western Bekaa

The Commission on Human Rights,

Gravely concerned at the persistent practices of the Israeli occupation forces in southern Lebanon, which constitute a violation of the principles of international law regarding the protection of human rights, in particular the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, as well as a grave violation of the relevant provisions of international humanitarian law as contained in the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War, of 12 August 1949, and the Hague Convention IV of 1907,

Reiterating its deep regret at the failure of Israel to implement Security Council resolutions 425 (1978) of 19 March 1978 and 509 (1982) of 6 June 1982,

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

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Censuring the repeated Israeli aggression in southern Lebanon and the western Bekaa, which has caused a large number of deaths and injuries among civilians and the destruction of several dwellings and public buildings,

Reaffirming that the continued occupation by and the practices of the Israeli forces constitute a violation of the resolutions of the Security Council as well as of the will of the international community and the conventions in force on this matter,

Hoping that the efforts made in order to achieve peace in the Middle East will put an end to the violations of human rights that are being committed in the occupied zone in southern Lebanon and the western Bekaa and that the peace negotiations will continue with a view to arriving at a settlement of the Middle East conflict and achieving a just and comprehensive peace in the region,

Gravely concerned at the fact that the International Committee of the Red Cross and other humanitarian organizations are being prevented from accomplishing their humanitarian mission in the occupied area of southern Lebanon and the western Bekaa, in particular from verifying the veracity of reports of ill-treatment of detainees in the detention centres of Khiam and Marjayoun,

Reaffirming its resolution 1993/67 of 10 March 1993, and expressing its deep regret at the failure of Israel to implement this resolution,

1. Deplores the continued Israeli violation of human rights in the occupied zone in southern Lebanon and the western Bekaa, demonstrated in particular by the kidnapping and the arbitrary detention of civilians, the destruction of their dwellings, the confiscation of their property, their expulsion from their land, the bombing of villages and civilian areas, and other practices violating human rights;

2. Calls upon Israel to put an end immediately to such practices manifested recently by the escalation of air raids and the use of prohibited weapons such as fragmentation bombs, and to implement Security Council resolutions 425/1978 and 509/1982 calling for the immediate, total and unconditional withdrawal of Israel from all Lebanese Territories and respect for the sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of Lebanon;

3. Also calls upon the Government of Israel, the occupying Power of territories in southern Lebanon and the western Bekaa, to comply with the Geneva Conventions of 1949, in particular the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War;

4. Further calls upon the Government of Israel, the occupying Power of territories in southern Lebanon and the western Bekaa, to release immediately all the Lebanese kidnapped and detained and other prisoners detained in prisons and detention centres in the occupied territories in Lebanon, in violation of all the Geneva Conventions and other provisions of international law;

5. Calls upon the Government of Israel, the occupying Power of territories in southern Lebanon and the western Bekaa, to facilitate the humanitarian mission of the International Committee of the Red Cross and other humanitarian organizations in that region and, in particular, to allow these organizations to visit the detention centres of Khiam and Marjayoun and to verify there the living conditions of the detainees;

6. Requests the Secretary-General:

(a) to bring the present resolution to the attention of the Government of Israel and to invite it to provide information concerning the extent of its implementation thereof;

(b) to report to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session and to the Commission on Human Rights at its fifty-second session on the results of his efforts in this regard;

7. Decides to continue its consideration of the situation of human rights in southern Lebanon at its fifty-second session.
