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Letter dated 9 December 1980 from the Chairman of the Committee on  
the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People  
to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to refer to my letter dated 24 October 1980 (A/35/565-S/14235) regarding the action taken by the Government of Israel in respect of the mayors of Al-Khalil (Hebron) and Halhul whom it had illegally expelled from the occupied territories.

As is now known, the Government of Israel has insisted on maintaining its defiance of Security Council resolutions 468 (1980) and 469 (1980) and has confirmed its previous illegal decision to expel the two mayors.

On behalf of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, I wish to express our gravest concern at this continued defiance by the Israeli authorities of international opinion and of the resolutions of the Security Council. It is now more than ever clear that it should be forcefully brought to the notice of the Government of Israel that it should abide by its obligations to this Organization.

Such defiance and the repeated display of cynicism and arrogance on the part of Israel should be strongly censured by the international community and firm action should be taken by the Security Council in insisting that the mayors should be permitted to return to their homes and families, in accordance with the specific requests contained in Security Council resolutions 468 (1980) and 469 (1980).

I should be glad if this letter were circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 24, and of the Security Council.

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Committee on the Exercise  
of the Inalienable Rights  
of the Palestinian People