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QUESTION OF PALESTINE

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

Letter dated 19 May 1981 from the Permanent Representative of Jordan  
to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit herewith the resolution adopted by the National Consultative Assembly of Jordan at its thirty-third session, convened in Amman on 20 April 1981, concerning the current and impending substantial reductions in the services which the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East had been providing.

Inasmuch as the resolution of the Jordanian National Consultative Assembly is addressed to the United Nations in its entirety, through Your Excellency, it would be deeply appreciated if the enclosed message were circulated to all Member States as an official document of the General Assembly under items 31 and 60 of the preliminary list.

(Signed) Hazem NUSEIBEH  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative

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ANNEX

Resolution adopted by the National Consultative Assembly  
of Jordan at its thirty-third session, convened in Amman  
on 20 April 1981

The National Consultative Assembly, having closely studied the measures which the headquarters of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine refugees, pertaining to the reduction of its services in the various host countries and in the occupied territories of Palestine, and, in particular in the field of education and, the intended termination of the services of those working for UNRWA such as teachers and others, this coming in the wake of UNRWA's reduction of its health services,

Having heard the statements of the Government outlining its basic position in this regard, wish to make the following declaration:

1. The Consultative Assembly rejects the plans and policies of the Agency aimed at relinquishing the obligations and duties for the fulfillment of which it had been established, on behalf of the international community as an expression of the international community's responsibilities and obligations which have arisen from its resolutions which had resulted in the establishment of the Zionist state in Palestine on the ruins of its people and their uprooting from their lands and homes.

These obligations and responsibilities devolve most particularly upon the major powers which were behind the creation of that state.

2. The National Consultative Assembly realizes fully that the plan to reduce services which the Agency has embarked upon is but a plan to renege from the international commitment towards the Palestine refugees, the victims of United Nations resolutions.

3. The National Consultative Assembly expresses its total solidarity with all segments of the Palestine refugees in their rejection of these plans and, their insistence that the United Nations fulfill its obligations and duties towards them.

4. The National Consultative Assembly requests the Secretariat of the United Nations to exercise all its jurisdiction and powers to ensure that the powers responsible for the dispersal of the people of Palestine should shoulder their financial responsibilities towards the Agency and continuously so long as the Palestinian Arab homeland is occupied.

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