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Letter dated 24 August 1981 from the Acting Chairman of the  
Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the  
Palestinian People to the Secretary-General

In my capacity as Acting Chairman of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, I have the honour to convey to you the serious concern and strong protest of the Committee at the latest situation created by Israel in the occupied Palestinian territories of the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

According to The Christian Science Monitor of 19 August 1981, Israel has banned the channelling of Arab funds through the Joint Committee for the Occupied Territories at Amman.

It might be recalled that in 1978 Arab States pledged to furnish \$100 million annually for municipalities and institutions, such as the Red Crescent Medical Organization, in the Palestinian territories occupied by Israel in 1967. This was a way of giving Palestinian Arab residents the help and support they needed for their mere survival and existence in their own homes under the harsh conditions of military occupation. These funds meant to keep Palestinian Arab municipalities and institutions working smoothly so as to provide much needed services for the Palestinian Arab population.

This new ban will have disastrous consequences and will severely affect, socially and economically, the already hard life of the Palestinian Arabs in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. It is vital to draw the attention of the Israeli Government to the dangers involved in this new ban, which is part of Israeli policies pursued in defiance of world public opinion and will exacerbate tensions in the area.

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I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under item 31 of the provisional agenda, and of the Security Council.

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Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of  
the Palestinian People

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