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The State of Qatar condemns the policy of the establishment of settlements in the occupied Arab territories, which has the aim of altering their political, demographic and cultural character, and considers them an infringement of international conventions and a violation of the basic human rights of the Palestinian people. It demands the immediate cessation of this aggressive policy and the removal of the settlements in accordance with the Hague and Geneva Conventions.

The State of Qatar calls attention to the Vancouver Declaration on Human Settlements, 1976, which it supports without reservation, to the recommendations for national action adopted by Habitat: United Nations Conference on Human Settlements and to resolution 3, entitled "Living conditions of the Palestinian people in the occupied territories", contained in its resolutions for international co-operation. It also calls attention to Economic and Social Council resolutions 2026 (LXI) of 4 August 1976 and 2100 (LXIII) of 3 August 1977, and to General Assembly resolutions 31/110 of 16 December 1976, 32/171 of 19 December 1977, 33/110 of 18 December 1978, 34/113 of 14 December 1979 and 35/111 of 5 December 1980. The State of Qatar strongly condemns Israeli policy, which is leading to a deterioration in the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the occupied territories, in accordance with international law and international resolutions. The State of Qatar reaffirms Security Council resolution 465 (1980) in which the Council determines that "all measures taken by Israel to change the physical character, demographic composition, institutional structure or status of the Palestinian and other Arab territories occupied since 1967, including Jerusalem, or any part thereof have no legal validity and that Israel's policy and practices of settling parts of its population and new immigrants in those territories constitute a flagrant violation of the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War and also constitute a serious obstruction to achieving a comprehensive, just and lasting peace in the Middle East".

The State of Qatar also condemns Israel's exploitation of the natural wealth and resources of the occupied Arab territories in violation of the Hague and Geneva Conventions and of the resolutions of international organizations on this subject, chiefly those of the General Assembly, which are: 3175 (XXVIII) of 17 December 1973, 3336 (XXIX) of 17 December 1974, 3516 (XXX) of 15 December 1975, 31/186 of 21 December 1976 and 32/161 of 19 December 1977 concerning permanent sovereignty over national resources in the occupied Arab territories. Furthermore, the State of Qatar reaffirms the previous resolutions of the General Assembly on permanent sovereignty over natural resources, particularly their provisions supporting resolutely the efforts of the developing countries and the peoples of the territories under colonial and racial domination and foreign occupation in their struggle to regain effective control over their natural resources. It further recalls resolution 35/110 concerning permanent sovereignty over national resources in the occupied Arab territories.

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The State of Qatar expresses its deep dissatisfaction at Israel's persistent refusal to comply with the resolutions of the Security Council and of the General Assembly, and its concern at continuing Israeli violation of human rights in the occupied Arab territories. It recalls the terrifying facts discovered by United Nations bodies entrusted with the investigation of Zionist practices in the occupied Arab territories.

The State of Qatar welcomes those resolutions adopted by the United Nations, in particular Security Council resolution 446 (1979) establishing a commission to examine the situation in the occupied Arab territories including Jerusalem. The State of Qatar also deplores the refusal of Israel to allow the Group of Experts on the Social and Economic Impact of the Israeli Occupation on the Living Conditions of the Palestinian People in the Occupied Arab Territories to visit the Palestinian and other Arab territories occupied by Israel, as mentioned in resolution 35/75.

The State of Qatar supports General Assembly resolution 35/75 without reserve and would like to call attention to a part of the aid which it has given to the Palestinian people in the occupied Arab territories:

- The State of Qatar has given material assistance to the Fund for the Support of the Occupied Territories.
- It has given direct assistance for the development of vital amenities in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.
- It has granted scholarships to Palestinian students.
- It has given aid to the municipalities and directly to the Palestine Liberation Organization, the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people, and has co-operated with it and supported it in all fields of activity.

In conclusion, the State of Qatar would like to call attention to its support for the resolution adopted by the International Labour Conference in 1974 concerning the policy of discrimination, racism and violation of trade union freedoms and rights practised by the Israeli authorities in Palestine and in the other occupied Arab territories, and for the resolution of the same Conference in 1980 concerning the implications of the Israeli settlements with regard to the situation of Arab workers of the occupied territories.