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REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE ISRAELI PRACTICES AFFECTING  
THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF THE POPULATION OF THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES

Report of the Secretary-General

1. At its thirty-fifth session, the General Assembly adopted resolutions 35/122 A to F of 11 December 1980 concerning the report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Population of the Occupied Territories. In paragraph 11 of resolution 35/122 C, the Assembly requested the Secretary-General:

(a) To provide all necessary facilities to the Special Committee, including those required for its visits to the occupied territories, with a view to investigating the Israeli policies and practices referred to in the resolution;

(b) To continue to make available additional staff as may be necessary to assist the Special Committee in the performance of its tasks;

(c) To ensure the widest circulation of the reports of the Special Committee, and of information regarding its activities and findings, by all means available through the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat and, where necessary, to reprint those reports of the Special Committee which are no longer available;

(d) To report to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session on the tasks entrusted to him in the present paragraph.

2. The present report is submitted in accordance with paragraph 11 (d) of resolution 35/122 C.

3. The Secretary-General continued, as in previous years, to provide the facilities required by the Special Committee. In response to the request addressed to him by the General Assembly in paragraph 11 (b) of resolution 35/122 C, the services of an additional staff member and of staff on temporary assistance were made available to assist the Special Committee.

4. In response to paragraph 11 (c) of General Assembly resolution 34/90 A, the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat undertook the action outlined in the following paragraphs to ensure the widest possible dissemination of the report of the Special Committee (A/35/425).
5. DPI press releases, and radio and television programmes reported on the hearings and other activities of the Special Committee during the year. Full coverage was also given to the debates on this subject in the General Assembly and other United Nations bodies. The activities of the Special Committee were also reported in the UN Chronicle (published in four languages) and in the Yearbook of the United Nations.
6. The radio programmes were broadcast in 15 languages. In addition, the radio news magazine, The Week at the United Nations, gave the subject extensive coverage. Excerpts on videotape were also supplied to television news syndicators.
7. Copies of the report of the Special Committee were sent to all Information Centres which were alerted to paragraph 11 (c) of resolution 35/122 C. The report of the Special Committee was also made known to 100 students from 35 countries participating in the 1981 DPI Graduate Student Intern Programme.
8. The publication "UN Today (Suggestions for Speakers), 1981" contained sections touching upon the question of Israeli practices affecting the human rights of the population of the occupied territories.
9. In the context of the twentieth United Nations fellowship programme for 16 high-ranking policy makers in the field of education from 14 countries of Asia, Europe and the Pacific, held at New Delhi in 1980, the report of the Special Committee was discussed during a session devoted to the question of human rights. The same subject will be discussed during the forthcoming seminar for 19 educators from Africa, Europe and the Middle East which will be held in Addis Ababa from 19 October to 6 November.
10. DPI has devoted a special rack in the NGO Lounge at Headquarters to material on Palestinian rights, where documents of the Special Committee are prominently displayed. The findings of the Special Committee have also been drawn to the special attention of those non-governmental organizations with particular interest in human rights.

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