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REFUGEES IN THE NEAR EASTReport of the Special Political CommitteeRapporteur: Mr. Zahary RADOUKOV (Bulgaria)

## I. INTRODUCTION

## 1. The item entitled:

"United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East;

- a) Report of the Commissioner-General;
- b) Report of the Working Group on the Financing of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East;
- c) Report of the United Nations Conciliation Commission for Palestine;
- d) Reports of the Secretary-General"

was included in the provisional agenda of the thirty-sixth session of the General Assembly in accordance with Assembly resolutions 35/13 A to F of 3 November 1980.

2. At its 4th plenary meeting, on 18 September 1981, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item in its agenda and to allocate it to the Special Political Committee.

3. The Special Political Committee examined the item at its 21st to 28th, 46th and 51st meetings, between 2 November and 7 December (see A/SPC/36/SR.21-28, 46 and 51). The Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East for the period from 1 July 1980 to 30 June 1981; 1/

(b) Report of the Working Group on the Financing of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East submitted in accordance with General Assembly resolution 35/13 D (A/36/615);

(c) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the United Nations Conciliation Commission for Palestine submitted in accordance with paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution 512 (VI) of 26 January 1952 and paragraph 4 of Assembly resolution 35/13 A (A/36/529);

(d) Report of the Secretary-General submitted in pursuance of paragraph 10 of General Assembly resolution 35/13 B (A/36/385 and Add.1 and 2);

(e) Report of the Secretary-General submitted in pursuance of paragraph 5 of General Assembly resolution 35/13 E (A/36/558);

(f) Report of the Secretary-General submitted in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 35/13 F (A/36/559);

(g) Report of the Secretary-General submitted in pursuance of paragraphs 5 and 6 of General Assembly resolution 35/13 B (A/36/593).

4. At its 21st meeting, on 2 November, the Committee heard a statement by the Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA), who introduced his report. 1/ At the same meeting, the representative of Norway, Rapporteur of the Working Group on the Financing of UNRWA, introduced the report of the Working Group (A/36/615).

## II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTIONS

5. In the course of its deliberations, the Special Political Committee considered nine draft resolutions, as set forth below.

### A. Draft resolution A/SPC/36/L.6

6. At the 26th meeting, on 9 November, the representative of Pakistan introduced a draft resolution (A/SPC/36/L.6) entitled "Palestine refugees in the

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1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 13 (A/36/13).

Gaza Strip", sponsored by Afghanistan, Indonesia, Malaysia, Pakistan and Yugoslavia, and announced that Bangladesh, Cuba, Cyprus and India had joined as sponsors of the draft, which was subsequently sponsored also by Madagascar, Mali and Senegal.

7. At its 28th meeting, on 10 November, the Committee adopted the draft resolution by a recorded vote of 119 to 2, with 2 abstentions <sup>2/</sup> (see para. 34, draft resolution A). The voting was as follows:

In favour: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belgium, Benin, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burma, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Yemen, Denmark, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, German Democratic Republic, Germany, Federal Republic of, Ghana, Greece, Guyana, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Ivory Coast, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Somalia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Upper Volta, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia.

Against: Israel, United States of America.

Abstaining: Jamaica, Malawi.

8. Following the adoption of the draft resolution the representative of Israel, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (on behalf of the States members of the European Community) and Canada made statements in explanation of vote.

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<sup>2/</sup> Owing to a mechanical failure, the vote of Norway in favour of the draft resolution was not recorded. Subsequently, the representative of the United Republic of Cameroon indicated that, had he been present, he would have voted in favour of the draft resolution.

B. Draft resolution A/SPC/36/L.7

9. At the 26th meeting, on 9 November, the representative of Pakistan introduced a draft resolution (A/SPC/36/L.7) entitled "Population and refugees displaced since 1967", sponsored by Afghanistan, Indonesia, Malaysia, Pakistan and Yugoslavia, and announced that Banladesh, Cuba, Cyprus and India had joined the sponsors of the draft resolution, which was subsequently sponsored also by Madagascar, Mali and Senegal.

10. At its 28th meeting, on 10 November, the Committee adopted the draft resolution by a recorded vote of 105 to 3, with 18 abstentions (see para. 34, draft resolution B). The voting was as follows:

In favour: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Argentina, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Benin, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burma, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Yemen, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, German Democratic Republic, Ghana, Greece, Guyana, Honduras, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Ivory Coast, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Somalia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Cameroon, United Republic of Tanzania, Upper Volta, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia.

Against: Canada, Israel, United States of America.

Abstaining: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Federal Republic of, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Luxembourg, Malawi, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Sweden, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

11. Following adoption of the draft resolution, the representatives of Israel, Sweden, Canada and New Zealand made a statement in explanation of vote.

C. Draft resolution A/SPC/36/L.8

12. At the 26th meeting, on 9 November, the representative of Bangladesh introduced a draft resolution (A/SPC/36/L.8) entitled "Revenues derived from

Palestine refugee properties", sponsored by Afghanistan, Indonesia, Pakistan and Yugoslavia, and announced that Bangladesh and Cuba had joined as sponsors of the draft resolution, which was subsequently sponsored also by India, Madagascar, Mali and Senegal.

13. At its 28th meeting, on 10 November, the Committee adopted the draft resolution by a roll-call vote of 101 to 2, with 24 abstentions (see para. 34, draft resolution c). The voting was as follows:

In favour: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Argentina, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Benin, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burma, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Yemen, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Gabon, German Democratic Republic, Ghana, Greece, Guyana, Honduras, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Ivory Coast, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Somalia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Cameroon, United Republic of Tanzania, Upper Volta, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zambia.

Against: Israel, United States of America.

Abstaining: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Fiji, Finland, France, Germany, Federal Republic of, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Luxembourg, Malawi, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Paraguay, Sweden, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Zaire.

14. Following the adoption of the draft resolution, the representatives of Austria, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (on behalf of the States members of the European Community), Sweden, Canada and New Zealand made statements in explanation of vote.

D. Draft resolution A/SPC/36/L.9

15. At the 25th meeting, on 6 November, the representative of Sweden introduced a draft resolution (A/SPC/36/L.9) entitled "Assistance to persons displaced as a result of the June 1967 hostilities", sponsored by Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Federal Republic of, Greece, India, Indonesia,

Ireland, Italy, Japan, Malaysia, the Netherlands, Norway, the Philippines, Sri Lanka and Sweden, subsequently joined by Bangladesh, Mali and Pakistan.

16. At the 28th meeting, on 10 November, the Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote (see para. 34, draft resolution D).

E. Draft resolution A/SPC/36/L.10

17. At the 26th meeting, on 9 November, the representative of the Netherlands introduced a draft resolution (A/SPC/36/L.10) entitled "Working Group on the Financing of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East", sponsored by Austria, Bangladesh, Canada, Denmark, Germany, Federal Republic of, India, Indonesia, Liberia, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, the Philippines, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Yugoslavia and Zaire, and announced that Pakistan had joined as sponsor of the draft resolution, which was subsequently sponsored also by Mali and Trinidad and Tobago.

18. On 9 November, the Secretary-General, in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, submitted a statement (A/SPC/36/L.15) on the administrative and financial implications of draft resolution A/SPC/36/L.10.

19. At the 28th meeting, on 10 November, the Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote (see para. 34, draft resolution E).

F. Draft resolution A/SPC/36/L.11

20. At the 26th meeting, on 9 November, the representative of the United States of America introduced a draft resolution (A/SPC/36/L.11) entitled "Assistance to Palestine Refugees".

21. At its 28th meeting, on 10 November, the Committee adopted the draft resolution by a recorded vote of 125 to none, with 1 abstention (see para. 34, draft resolution F). The voting was as follows:

In favour: Afghanistan, Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belgium, Benin, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burma, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Yemen, Denmark, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, German Democratic Republic, Germany, Federal Republic of, Ghana, Greece, Guyana, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Somalia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Cameroon, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Upper Volta, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia.

Against: None.

Abstaining: Israel.

22. Following the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of Israel made a statement in explanation of vote.

G. Draft resolution A/SPC/36/L.12/Rev.1

23. At the 27th meeting, on 9 November, the representative of Jordan introduced a draft resolution (A/SPC/36/L.12) entitled "University of Jerusalem for Palestine refugees", which was subsequently revised (A/SPC/36/L.12/Rev.1) and sponsored by Bangladesh, India, Jordan, Pakistan and Senegal.

24. On 13 November, the Secretary-General, in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, submitted a statement (A/SPC/36/L.17) on the administrative and financial implications of draft resolution A/SPC/36/L.12/Rev.1.

25. At its 46th meeting, on 30 November, the Committee adopted the draft resolution by a recorded vote of 87 to 2, with 17 abstentions 3/ (see para. 34, draft resolution G). The voting was as follows:

In favour: Afghanistan, Albania, Argentina, Austria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burma, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Yemen, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, German Democratic Republic, Greece, Guinea, Guyana, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Ivory Coast, Jordan, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Nepal, Niger, Oman, Pakistan, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Somalia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Cameroon, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia.

Against: Israel, United States of America.

Abstaining: Australia, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Federal Republic of, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Luxembourg, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Sweden, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

26. Following the adoption of the draft resolution, the representatives of Israel, Austria, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Sweden, Canada and the United States of America made statements in explanation of vote.

#### H. Draft resolution A/SPC/36/L.13

27. At the 27th meeting, on 9 November, the representative of Jordan introduced a draft resolution (A/SPC/36/L.13) entitled "Offers by Member States of grants and scholarships for higher education, including vocational training, for the Palestine refugees", which was subsequently sponsored also by Bangladesh and Pakistan.

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3/ The representatives of Colombia, Nigeria, Hungary, Honduras and Uganda subsequently indicated that, had they been present, they would have voted in favour of the draft resolution. The representatives of Finland and Jamaica subsequently indicated that, had they been present, they would have abstained on the draft resolution.

28. At the 28th meeting, on 10 November, the Committee adopted the draft resolution by a recorded vote of 125 to none, with 2 abstentions (see para. 34, draft resolution H). The voting was as follows:

In favour: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belgium, Benin, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burma, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Yemen, Denmark, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, German Democratic Republic, Germany, Federal Republic of, Greece, Guyana, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Somalia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Cameroon, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Upper Volta, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia.

Against: None.

Abstaining: Ghana, Israel.

29. Following the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of Israel made a statement in explanation of vote.

I. Draft resolution A/SPC/36/L.14

30. At the 28th meeting, on 10 November, the representative of Qatar introduced a draft resolution (A/SPC/36/L.14) entitled "Financial situation of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East", sponsored by Algeria, Bahrain, Democratic Yemen, Djibouti, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Mauritania, Morocco, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, the Sudan, the Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, the United Arab Emirates and Yemen. The draft resolution read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Taking note of the Report of the Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East - 1 July 1980 - 30 June 1981 (Supplement No. 13 (A/36/13)),

"Deeply alarmed by the critical problem facing UNRWA in financing its budget for the year 1981 and the proposed budget for the year 1982,

"Deeply concerned at the inability of UNRWA to discharge its responsibilities effectively by alleviating the plight of the Palestine refugees as the result of the continued deficit in its budget,

"Sharing the concern of the Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East that, the collapse of UNRWA through lack of money to keep its programmes going would be a disaster for the Palestine refugee community, for the host Governments and for the peace and stability of the Near East region,

"1. Decides to cover the estimated deficit of the budget of UNRWA for the year 1982, from the regular budget of the United Nations for the year 1982;

"2. Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations to submit a detailed study to the thirty-seventh session of the General Assembly of the inclusion of the UNRWA's budget in the regular budget of the United Nations as of the year 1983.

31. On 2 December, the Secretary-General, in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, submitted a statement (A/SPC/36/L.31) on the administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution. According to the statement, the deficit of UNRWA for the year 1982 is estimated at \$80,258,000 and, should the draft resolution be adopted by the Assembly, an appropriation of this amount would be required.

32. At the 50th meeting, on 4 December, the representative of the United States of America submitted amendments (A/SPC/36/L.33) to draft resolution A/SPC/36/L.14, as follows:

(a) Operative paragraph 1 would be replaced by the following text:

"Takes note of the various proposals currently being discussed to improve the financial position of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, and urges the members of the Working Group on the Financing of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, and other interested and concerned parties, to continue their consultations on ways and means to ameliorate the Agency's critical financial situation, and to report their suggestions to the Secretary-General by 1 February 1982";

(b) Operative paragraph 2 would be revised to read as follows:

"Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the thirty-seventh session of the General Assembly a detailed study of all the proposals which have been advanced to enhance the long-term financial stability of the Agency, and which shall include a comprehensive management audit of the Agency".

33. At the 51st meeting, on 7 December, at the request of the representative of Kuwait on behalf of the sponsors, the Committee agreed to take no decision with regard to draft resolution A/SPC/36/L.14 and the amendments thereto (A/SPC/36/L.33) and to recommend that the thirty-sixth session of the General Assembly should be kept open until the Working Group on the Financing of UNRWA had submitted its proposals, by the end of January 1982, on the ways of meeting the deficit of the UNRWA budget for 1982 (see para. 35).

### III. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SPECIAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE

34. The Special Political Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine  
Refugees in the Near East

A

Palestine refugees in the Gaza Strip

The General Assembly,

Recalling Security Council resolution 237 (1967) of 14 June 1967,

Recalling also its resolutions 2792 C (XXVI) of 6 December 1971, 2963 C (XXVII) of 13 December 1972, 3089 C (XXVIII) of 7 December 1973, 3331 D (XXIX) of 17 December 1974, 3419 C (XXX) of 8 December 1975, 31/15 E of 23 November 1976, 32/90 C of 13 December 1977, 33/112 E of 18 December 1978, 34/52 F of 23 November 1979 and 35/13 F of 3 November 1980,

Having considered the report of the Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, covering the period from 1 July 1980 to 30 June 1981, 4/ and the report of the Secretary-General of 30 September 1981, 5/

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4/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 13 (A/36/13).

5/ A/36/559.

Recalling the provisions of paragraph 11 of its resolution 194 (III) of 11 December 1948 and considering that measures to resettle Palestine refugees in the Gaza Strip away from the homes and property from which they were displaced constitute a violation of their inalienable right of return,

Alarmed by the reports received from the Commissioner-General of United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East that the Israeli occupying authorities persist in their policy of demolishing shelters occupied by refugee families on punitive grounds, 6/

1. Demands that Israel desist from removal and resettlement of Palestine refugees in the Gaza Strip and from destruction of their shelters;
2. Requests the Secretary-General, after consulting with the Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, to report to the General Assembly before the opening of its thirty-seventh session on Israel's compliance with paragraph 1 above.

B

Population and refugees displaced since 1967

The General Assembly,

Recalling Security Council resolution 237 (1967) of 14 June 1967,

Recalling also its resolutions 2252 (ES-V) of 4 July 1967, 2452 A (XXIII) of 19 December 1968, 2535 B (XXIV) of 10 December 1969, 2672 D (XXV) of 8 December 1970, 2792 E (XXVI) of 6 December 1971, 2963 C and D (XXVII) of 13 December 1972, 3089 C (XXVIII) of 7 December 1973, 3331 D (XXIX) of 17 December 1974, 3419 C (XXX) of 8 December 1975, 31/15 D of 23 November 1976, 32/90 E of 13 December 1977, 33/112 F of 18 December 1978, 34/52 E of 23 November 1979, ES-7/2 of 29 July 1980 and 35/13 E of 3 November 1980,

Having considered the report of the Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, covering the period from 1 July 1980 to 30 June 1981, 4/ and the report of the Secretary-General of 30 September 1981, 7/

1. Reaffirms the inalienable rights of all displaced inhabitants to return to their homes or former places of residence in the territories occupied by Israel since 1967 and declares once more that any attempt to restrict, or to attach conditions to, the free exercise of the right of return by any displaced person is inconsistent with their inalienable rights and inadmissible;

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6/ Ibid., para. 5.

7/ A/36/558.

2. Considers any and all agreements embodying any restriction on or condition for the return of the displaced inhabitants as null and void;
3. Deplores the continued refusal of the Israeli authorities to take steps for the return of the displaced inhabitants;
4. Calls once more upon Israel:
  - (a) To take immediate steps for the return of all displaced inhabitants;
  - (b) To desist from all measures that obstruct the return of the displaced inhabitants, including measures affecting the physical and demographic structure of the occupied territories;
5. Requests the Secretary-General, after consulting with the Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, to report to the General Assembly by the opening of its thirty-seventh session on Israel's compliance with paragraph 4 above.

C

Revenues derived from Palestine refugee properties

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 35/13 A to F of 3 November 1980 and all previous resolutions on the question, including resolution 194 (III) of 11 December 1948,

Taking note of the report of the United Nations Conciliation Commission for Palestine, covering the period from 1 October 1980 to 30 September 1981, 8/

Recalling that the Universal Declaration of Human Rights 9/ and the principles of international law uphold the principle that no one shall be arbitrarily deprived of private property,

Considering that the Palestinian Arab refugees are entitled to their property and to the income derived from their property in conformity with the principles of justice and equity,

Recalling, in particular, its resolution 394 (V) of 14 December 1950, in which it directed the United Nations Conciliation Commission for Palestine, in consultation with the parties concerned, to prescribe measures for the protection of the rights, property, and interests of the Palestinian Arab refugees,

Taking note of the completion of the programme of identification and evaluation of Arab property, as announced by the United Nations Conciliation Commission for Palestine in its 22nd progress report, 10/ of 27 May 1964, and that the Land Office has a schedule of Arab owners and file of documents defining the location, area, and other particulars of Arab property,

1. Requests the Secretary-General to take all appropriate steps, in consultation with the United Nations Conciliation Commission for Palestine, for the protection and administration of Arab property, assets and property rights in Israel, and to establish a fund for the receipt of income derived therefrom, on behalf of their rightful owners;

2. Calls upon the Governments concerned to render all facilities and assistance to the Secretary-General on the implementation of the present resolution;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session on the implementation of the present resolution.

D

Assistance to persons displaced as a result of the June 1967 hostilities

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 35/13 C of 3 November 1980 and all previous resolutions on the question,

Taking note of the report of the Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, covering the period from 1 July 1980 to 30 June 1981, 4/

Concerned about the continued human suffering resulting from the June 1967 hostilities in the Middle East,

1. Reaffirms its resolution 35/13 C and all previous resolutions on the question;

2. Endorses, bearing in mind the objectives of those resolutions, the efforts of the Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East to continue to provide humanitarian assistance as far as practicable, on an emergency basis and as a temporary measure, to other persons in the area who are at present displaced and in serious need of continued assistance as a result of the June 1967 hostilities;

3. Strongly appeals to all Governments and to organizations and individuals to contribute generously for the above purposes to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East and to the other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations concerned.

E

Working Group on the Financing of the United Nations Relief  
and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 2656 (XXV) of 7 December 1970, 2728 (XXV) of 15 December 1970, 2791 (XXVI) of 6 December 1971, 2964 (XXVII) of 13 December 1972, 3090 (XXVIII) of 7 December 1973, 3330 (XXIX) of 17 December 1974, 3419 D (XXX) of 8 December 1975, 31/15 C of 23 November 1976, 32/90 D of 13 December 1977, 33/112 D of 18 December 1978, 34/52 D of 23 November 1979 and 35/13 D of 3 November 1980,

Having considered the report of the Working Group on the Financing of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, 11/

Taking into account the annual report of the Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the the Near East, covering the period from 1 July 1980 to 30 June 1981, 4/

Gravely concerned at the critical financial situation of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, which has already reduced the essential minimum services being provided to the Palestine refugees and which threatens even greater reductions in the future,

Emphasizing the urgent need for extraordinary efforts in order to maintain, at least at their present minimum level, the activities of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East,

1. Commends the Working Group on the Financing of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East for its efforts to assist in ensuring the Agency's financial security;
2. Takes note with approval of the report of the Working Group; 11/
3. Requests the Working Group to continue its efforts, in co-operation with the Secretary-General and the Commissioner-General, for the financing of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East for a further period of one year;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to provide the necessary services and assistance to the Working Group for the conduct of its work.

F

Assistance to Palestine refugees

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 35/13 A of 3 November 1980 and all previous resolutions on the question, including resolution 194 (III) of 11 December 1948,

Taking note of the report of the Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, covering the period from 1 July 1980 to 30 June 1981, 4/

1. Notes with regret that repatriation or compensation of the refugees as provided for in paragraph 11 of General Assembly resolution 194 (III) has not been effected, that no substantial progress has been made in the programme endorsed by the Assembly in paragraph 2 of its resolution 513 (VI) of 26 January 1952 for the reintegration of refugees either by repatriation or resettlement and that, therefore, the situation of the refugees continues to be a matter of serious concern;

2. Expresses its thanks to the Commissioner-General and to all the staff of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, recognizing that the Agency is doing all it can within the limits of available resources, and also expresses its thanks to the specialized agencies and private organizations for their valuable work in assisting the refugees;

3. Reiterates its request that the headquarters of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East should be relocated within the area of its operation as soon as practicable;

4. Notes with regret that the United Nations Conciliation Commission for Palestine has been unable to find a means of achieving progress in the implementation of paragraph 11 of General Assembly resolution 194 (III) 12/ and requests the Commission to exert continued efforts towards the implementation of that paragraph and to report to the Assembly as appropriate, but no later than 1 October 1982;

5. Directs attention to the continuing seriousness of the financial position of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, as outlined in the report of the Commissioner-General;

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12/ For the report of the United Nations Conciliation Commission for Palestine covering the period from 1 October 1980 to 30 September 1981, see A/36/529.

6. Notes with concern that, despite the commendable and successful efforts of the Commissioner-General to collect additional contributions, this increased level of income to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East is still insufficient to cover essential budget requirements in the present year and that, at currently foreseen levels of giving, deficits will recur each year;

7. Calls upon all Governments as a matter of urgency to make the most generous efforts possible to meet the anticipated needs of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, particularly in the light of the budgetary deficit projected in the report of the Commissioner-General, and, therefore, urges non-contributing Governments to contribute regularly and contributing Governments to consider increasing their regular contributions.

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University of Jerusalem for Palestine refugees

The General Assembly,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 35/13 B of 3 November 1980,

Having examined with appreciation the report of the Secretary-General concerning the establishment of the university of Jerusalem in pursuance of paragraphs 5 and 6 of resolution 35/13 B, 13/

Having also examined with appreciation the report of the Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, covering the period from 1 July 1980 to 30 June 1981, 4/

1. Commends the constructive efforts made by the Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, the Council of the United Nations University and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization in exploring ways and means of establishing at Jerusalem a university of arts and sciences to cater to the needs of Palestine refugees in the area, under the aegis of the United Nations;

2. Commends further the close co-operation of the competent educational authorities in the host countries as well as those of the Palestine Liberation Organization;

3. Recognizes the urgent necessity of establishing the proposed university;

4. Calls upon Israel as the occupying Power to desist from obstructing the implementation of the resolution of the General Assembly and to remove the obstacles which it has put in the way of establishing the university at Jerusalem;
5. Requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary measures, including a functional feasibility study for establishing the university at Jerusalem;
6. Further requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session on the progress made in the implementation of the present resolution.

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Offers by Member States of grants and scholarships for higher education, including vocational training, for the Palestine refugees

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 212 (III) of 19 November 1948 on assistance to Palestine refugees,

Recalling also its resolution 35/13 B of 3 November 1980,

Cognizant of the fact that the Palestine refugees have, for the last three decades, lost their lands and means of livelihood,

Having examined with appreciation the report of the Secretary-General on offers of scholarships and grants for higher education for Palestine refugees and the scope of the implementation of resolution 35/13 B, 14/

Having also examined with appreciation the report of the Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, covering the period from 1 July 1980 to 30 June 1981, 4/ dealing with this subject,

Noting that fewer than one per thousand of the Palestine refugee students have the chance to continue higher education, including vocational training,

Noting also that over the past several years the number of scholarships offered by the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East has dwindled to half of what it was because of the Agency's recurring budgetary difficulties,

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14/ A/36/385 and Add.1 and 2.

1. Urges all States to respond to the appeal contained in General Assembly resolution 32/90 F of 13 December 1977 in a manner commensurate with the needs of the Palestine refugees for higher education and vocational training;
2. Strongly appeals to all States, specialized agencies and non-governmental organizations to augment special allocations for scholarships and grants to Palestine refugees in addition to their contributions to the regular budget of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East;
3. Expresses its appreciation to all Governments, specialized agencies and non-governmental organizations which responded favourably to General Assembly resolution 33/112 C of 18 December 1978;
4. Invites the relevant United Nations agencies to continue to expand the inclusion, within their respective spheres of competence, of assistance for higher education for the Palestine refugee students;
5. Appeals to all States, specialized agencies and the United Nations University to contribute generously to the Palestinian universities in the territories occupied by Israel since 1967;
6. Also appeals to all States, specialized agencies and other international bodies to contribute towards the establishment of vocational training centres for Palestine refugees;
7. Requests the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East to act as recipient and trustee for such special allocations and scholarships and to award them to qualified Palestine refugee candidates;
8. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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35. The special Political Committee also recommends that the General Assembly should decide to keep open its thirty-sixth session until the Working Group on the Financing of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East has submitted its proposals, by the end of January 1982, on the ways of meeting the deficit of the Agency's budget for 1982.

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