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Report of the Secretary-General

1. On 17 December 1981, at its 103rd plenary meeting, the General Assembly adopted resolution 36/225 B, the operative part of which reads as follows:

"The General Assembly,

...

"1. Declares that Israel's decision to apply Israeli law to the occupied Syrian Arab Golan Heights is null and void and has no legal validity whatsoever;

"2. Determines that the provisions of the Geneva Convention of 12 August 1949 continue to apply to the Syrian territory occupied by Israel since 1967;

"3. Strongly deplores the persistence of the Israeli policy of annexation, which escalates tension in the region;

"4. Demands that Israel, the occupying Power, recind forthwith its decision and all administrative and other measures relating to it, which constitute a flagrant violation of all relevant principles of international law;

"5. Calls upon all States, specialized agencies and other international institutions not to recognize that decision;

"6. Requests the Security Council, in the event of Israel's failure to implement the present resolution, to invoke Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations;

"7. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly and the Security Council on the implementation of the present resolution not later than 21 December 1981."

The present report is submitted in pursuance of paragraph of that resolution.

2. On the same day, at its 2319th meeting, the Security Council adopted resolution 497 (1981), the operative part of which reads as follows:

"The Security Council,

...

"1. Decides that the Israeli decision to impose its laws, jurisdiction and administration in the occupied Syrian Golan Heights is null and void and without international legal effect;

"2. Demands that Israel, the occupying Power, should rescind forthwith its decision;

"3. Determines that all the provisions of the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War of 12 August 1949 continue to apply to the Syrian territory occupied by Israel since June 1967;

"4. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the Security Council on the implementation of this resolution within two weeks and decides that in the event of non-compliance by Israel, the Security Council would meet urgently, and not later than 5 January 1982, to consider taking appropriate measures in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations."

3. During the same meeting and following the adoption of Security Council resolution 497 (1981), the Permanent Representative of Israel stated, inter alia, that "Israel cannot and does not accept the resolution just adopted" (S/PV.2319).

4. I have been in contact with the Permanent Mission of Israel regarding the implementation of the two resolutions mentioned above and, in doing so, have drawn attention to my reporting responsibilities under them.

5. As at the time of this report, i.e. 10 a.m. on 21 December 1981, the Permanent Representative of Israel has informed me that the position of his Government remains as indicated in his statement before the Security Council (see para. 3 above).

6. Needless to say, I shall be reporting further to the Security Council on the implementation of resolution 497 (1981), in accordance with its paragraph 4.