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CONCLUSION AND PROPOSAL ON THE STATUTE OF THE CITY  
OF JERUSALEM SUBMITTED BY THE DELEGATION OF THE USSR  
AT THE THIRD SESSION OF THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL.

## CONCLUSION

The representative of the USSR noted that there existed a General Assembly Resolution of 29 November 1947, Part III of which dealt specifically with the Statute of the City of Jerusalem.

This General Assembly Resolution required the Trusteeship Council, within five months of the adoption of the Resolution, to elaborate and approve a Statute of the City of Jerusalem. The Trusteeship Council should have completed the planning and approval of this Statute not later than 29 April 1948; but it acted otherwise. Without completing its work on the Statute, the Council referred the question to the General Assembly, thereby evading, without any legal justification, its responsibility of fulfilling the task entrusted to it by the General Assembly.

It should be borne in mind in considering this decision that the Trusteeship Council had a single directive in the question of the Statute of the City of Jerusalem - the General Assembly Resolution of 29 November. It was given no fresh instructions modifying or suspending that Resolution.

This self-elimination on the part of the Trusteeship Council, by failing to elaborate the Statute of the City of Jerusalem, has therefore no legal justification and is a direct non-fulfilment of the General Assembly Resolution of 29 November 1947.

The Trusteeship Council's decision to refer the question of the Statute of Jerusalem to the General Assembly in incomplete form has no legal force.

The representative of the USSR emphasized that in deciding to submit the question of the Statute of the City of Jerusalem to the General Assembly the Trusteeship Council not only failed to fulfil the obligations laid upon it by the General Assembly, but also involved itself in the political game carried on in connection with the Palestine question.

On this question of the Statute of the City of Jerusalem, the Trusteeship Council proved in practice to be an instrument of United States

policy, and followed the lead of the United States delegation which was at that time making every effort, as is known, to prevent the implementation of the General Assembly Resolution of 29 November 1947.

As a result of this behaviour on the part of the Trusteeship Council, the City of Jerusalem is left without a Statute; which cannot fail to aggravate the already strained situation in Palestine; and particularly in Jerusalem.

## 2. PROPOSAL

On the basis of the fact that the General Assembly Resolution of 29 November 1947 had not been altered and remained in force, the representative of the USSR proposed that the Trusteeship Council should at once take up the question of the Statute of the City of Jerusalem. The representative of the USSR stated that the USSR delegation had amendments to make to the draft Statute of the City of Jerusalem which it would submit as soon as the Council began consideration of the Statute.

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