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MEDIATOR FOR PALESTINE

Assistance to Refugees

Draft Resolution, based on document A/C.3/315 (as amended up to
4:00 p m. on Wednesday 10 November 1948)

WHEREAS the problem of the relief of Palestinian refugees of all communities is one of immediate urgency and the United Nations Mediator for Palestine in his Progress Report of 18 September 1948, Part III, states that "action must be taken to determine the necessary measures of relief and to provide for this implementation" and that "the choice is between saving the lives of many thousands of people now or permitting them to die";

WHEREAS the Acting Mediator in his Supplemental Report on 18 October 1948 declares that "the situation of the refugees is now critical" and that "aid must not only be continued but very greatly increased if disaster is to be averted"; and

WHEREAS the alleviation of conditions of starvation and distress among the Palestinian refugees is one of the minimum conditions for the success of the efforts of the United Nations to bring peace to that land.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

1. Expresses its thank to the governments and organisations which, and the individual persons who, have given assistance directly or in response to the Mediator's appeal;
2. Considers upon the basis of the Acting Mediator's recommendation that a sum of approximately \$29,500,000 will be required to provide relief for 500,000 refugees for a period of nine months from 1 December 1948 to 31 August 1949; and that an additional amount will be required for administrative and operational expenses which shall be determined by the General Assembly on the recommendations of Committee V;
3. Authorises the Secretary-General to advance immediately a sum of up to five million dollars from the Working Capital Fund of the Organization, the said sum to be repaid from the voluntary governmental contributions requested

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- under paragraph 3 before the end of the period specified in paragraph 2;
4. Urges all States Members of the United Nations to make as soon as possible voluntary contributions in kind or in funds sufficient to ensure that the amount of supplies and funds required are obtained, and states that to this same end voluntary contributions of non-member states would also be accepted. Contributions in funds may be made in currencies other than the United States dollar, insofar as the operations of the relief organisation can be carried out in such currencies.
5. Authorises the Secretary-General to establish a Special Fund into which contributions shall be paid, which will be administered as a separate account;
6. ~~Authorises~~ the Secretary-General to expend the funds received under paragraphs 3 and 9 of this Resolution;
7. Instructs the Secretary-General in consultation with the Advisory Committee on administrative and budgetary questions to establish regulations for the administration and supervision of the Fund;
8. Requests the Secretary-General to appoint a United Nations director for Palestine refugee relief, to whom he may delegate such responsibility as he may consider appropriate for the overall planning and implementation of the relief programme.
9. Agrees to the convoking at the discretion of the Secretary-General of an ad hoc advisory committee of seven members to be selected by the President of the General Assembly to which the Secretary-General may submit any matter of principle or policy upon which he would like the benefit of their advice.
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