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ARAB TERRITORIES, INCLUDING PALESTINE**

Report by the Secretary-General

1. At its fifty-sixth session, the Commission on Human Rights adopted resolution 2000/7 entitled "Human rights in the occupied Syrian Golan". By paragraph 6 of resolution 2000/7, the Commission requested the Secretary-General to bring that resolution to the attention of all Governments, the competent United Nations organs, the specialized agencies, regional intergovernmental organizations and international humanitarian organizations and to give it the widest possible publicity, and to report to the Commission on Human Rights at its fifty-seventh session.
2. In accordance with the requests of the Commission, the Secretary-General brought resolution 2000/7 to the attention of all Governments, by a note verbale dated 14 July 2000. It was also communicated to the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories and to the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People.
3. Furthermore, the resolution was transmitted to all the specialized agencies and to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East. In addition, the resolution was brought to the attention of competent regional intergovernmental organizations and international humanitarian organizations.

4. The Department of Public Information undertook the following activities:

(a) The Department continued, in cooperation with the United Nations Information Service (UNIS) Geneva, to provide press coverage of the meetings of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories. Comprehensive audio-visual and press coverage was also provided for the 2000 session of the Commission on Human Rights;

(b) The Department of Public Information continued to disseminate information on all the activities of the Special Committee, including documents, press releases, contacts with journalists and relevant reports on the work carried out by the Special Committee and the Commission on Human Rights through United Nations information services, information centres and other United Nations offices in the field. The Department's multi-media approach ensured effective coverage of the Special Committee and human rights activities, as well as the distribution of relevant information material throughout the world;

(c) In addition, the Department, through its Information Service in Geneva, provided print, radio and television coverage, organized press briefings and briefings for the public;

(d) The Department, through its information centres, also provided support to the Special Committee's field mission to Egypt, Jordan and the Syrian Arab Republic during the period 18 to 31 May 2000. It should also be noted that, on 14 July 2000, the Secretary-General addressed a note verbale to all States drawing attention to General Assembly resolutions 54/76, 54/77, 54/78, 54/79 and 54/80.
