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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE  
DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING  
OF INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL  
COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES BY THE  
SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND THE  
INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS  
ASSOCIATED WITH THE UNITED  
NATIONS

Assistance to the Palestinian people in Lebanon

Report of the Secretary-General

1. At its second regular session of 1982, the Economic and Social Council adopted resolution 1982/48, the operative paragraphs of which read as follows:

"The Economic and Social Council,

...

"1. Endorses General Assembly resolution ES-7/5, in which the Assembly condemned Israel for its non-compliance with Security Council resolutions 508 (1982) of 5 June 1982 and 509 (1982) of 6 June 1982 and stressed its support for victims of the Israeli invasion of Lebanon, which inflicted severe damage on the civilian population, including the heavy loss of human lives and social and economic structures;

"2. Calls upon all Governments to provide, as a matter of urgency, emergency assistance to the Palestinians in Lebanon;

\* A/38/50.

\*\* E/1983/100.

"3. Urges the relevant programmes, organizations, agencies and organs of the United Nations system to initiate and provide, in co-operation with the Palestine Liberation Organization, urgent humanitarian assistance to the Palestinians in Lebanon;

"4. Calls upon Israel to release civilians detained by the Israeli occupation army in Lebanon and to apply fully to the civilians the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War;

"5. Also calls upon Israel to apply fully the Geneva Conventions to imprisoned combatants;

"6. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session and to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1983 on the progress made in the implementation of the present resolution."

2. In compliance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1982/48, the Secretary-General submitted a report to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session (A/37/571), in which there were references to other documents available to the Assembly which described in detail the assistance provided to the Palestinian population in Lebanon, specifically, the interim report of the Secretary-General to the Security Council (S/15267 and Corr.1), his subsequent report to the General Assembly (A/37/508 and Add.1) and the special report of the Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (A/37/479).

3. The report also contained the response of the Government of Israel concerning paragraphs 4 and 5 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1982/48.

4. At its thirty-seventh session, the General Assembly adopted resolution 37/134, the operative paragraphs of which read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

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"1. Condemns Israel for its invasion of Lebanon, which inflicted severe damage on civilian Palestinians, including heavy losses of human lives, intolerable sufferings and massive material destruction;

"2. Endorses Economic and Social Council resolution 1982/48;

"3. Calls upon Governments and relevant United Nations bodies to provide humanitarian assistance to the Palestinian victims of the Israeli invasion of Lebanon;

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"4. Requests the relevant programmes, organizations, agencies and organs of the United Nations system to intensify their efforts, in co-operation with the Palestine Liberation Organization, to provide economic and social assistance to the Palestinian people;

"5. Also requests that United Nations assistance to the Palestinians in the Arab host countries should be rendered in co-operation with the Palestine Liberation Organization and with the consent of the Arab host Government concerned;

"6. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session, through the Economic and Social Council, on the progress made in the implementation of the present resolution."

5. Since the preparation of the reports cited in paragraph 2 above, the international community and the United Nations system have continued to provide humanitarian assistance to the Palestinian people in Lebanon. The Council, at its first regular session of 1983, received an oral report by the United Nations Co-ordinator of Assistance for the Reconstruction and Development of Lebanon, which, as in his previous reports, dealt, inter alia, with assistance to all affected populations in Lebanon. 1/

6. Attention is also drawn to the report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people submitted, pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 2100 (LXIII) of 3 August 1977, under which the Council, inter alia, called upon the organizations of the United Nations system to continue and to intensify their efforts in identifying the social and economic needs of the Palestinian people, and urged them to consult and co-operate closely with the PLO with a view to establishing and fully implementing concrete projects to ensure the improvement of the social and economic conditions of the Palestinian people (E/1983/72).

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1/ See E/1983/SR.7.