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RESOLUTIONS ON THE PALESTINE QUESTION ADOPTED AT THE 437TH MEETING  
OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL ON 11 AUGUST 1949

## I

THE SECURITY COUNCIL,

HAVING TAKEN NOTE of the report of the Acting United Nations Mediator on Palestine, submitted upon the completion of his responsibilities,

DESIRES to pay special tribute to the qualities of patience, perseverance and devotion to the ideal of international peace of the late Count Folke Bernadotte, who stabilized the situation in Palestine and who, together with ten members of his staff, gave his life in the service of the United Nations, and

DESIRES to express its deep appreciation of the qualities of tact, understanding, perseverance and devotion to duty of Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, Acting United Nations Mediator on Palestine, who has brought to a successful conclusion the negotiation of armistice agreements between Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon and Syria on the one hand, and Israel on the other, and

DESIRES also to associate in this expression of appreciation the members of the staff of the United Nations Mission in Palestine, including both the members of the United Nations Secretariat and the Belgian, French, Swedish and United States Officers who served on the staff and as military observers in Palestine.

## II

THE SECURITY COUNCIL,

HAVING NOTED with satisfaction the several armistice agreements concluded by means of negotiations between the parties involved in the conflict in Palestine in pursuance of its resolution of 16 November 1948 (S/1020);

EXPRESSES the hope that the Governments and authorities concerned, having undertaken by means of the negotiations now being conducted by the Palestine Conciliation Commission, to fulfil the request of the General Assembly in its resolution of 11 December 1948 to extend the scope of the armistice negotiations and to seek agreement by negotiations conducted

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either with the Conciliation Commission or directly, will at an early date achieve agreement on the final settlement of all questions outstanding between them;

FINDS that the armistice agreements constitute an important step toward the establishment of permanent peace in Palestine and considers that these agreements supersede the truce provided for in the resolutions of the Security Council of 29 May and 15 July 1948;

REAFFIRMS, pending the final peace settlement, the order contained in its resolution of 15 July 1948 to the Governments and authorities concerned, pursuant to Article 40 of the Charter of the United Nations, to observe an unconditional cease-fire and, bearing in mind that the several armistice agreements include firm pledges against any further acts of hostility between the parties and also provide for their supervision by the parties themselves, relies upon the parties to ensure the continued application and observance of these agreements;

DECIDES that all functions assigned to the United Nations Mediator on Palestine having been discharged, the Acting Mediator is relieved of any further responsibility under Security Council resolutions;

NOTES that the armistice agreements provide that the execution of those agreements shall be supervised by mixed armistice commissions whose Chairman in each case shall be the United Nations Chief of Staff of the Truce Supervision Organization or a senior officer from the observer personnel of that organization designated by him following consultation with the parties to the agreements;

REQUESTS the Secretary-General to arrange for the continued service of such of the personnel of the present Truce Supervision Organization as may be required in observing and maintaining the cease-fire, and as may be necessary in assisting the parties to the armistice agreements in the supervision of the application and observance of the terms of those agreements, with particular regard to the desires of the parties as expressed in the relevant articles of the agreements;

REQUESTS the Chief of Staff mentioned above to report to the Security Council on the observance of the cease-fire in Palestine in accordance with the terms of this resolution; and to keep the Palestine Conciliation Commission informed of matters affecting the Commission's work under the General Assembly resolution of 11 December 1948.