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REFUGEES IN THE NEAR EAST

Report of the Special Political Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The item entitled:

"United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East:

"(a) Report of the Commissioner-General;

"(b) Report of the Working Group on the Financing of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East;

"(c) Report of the United Nations Conciliation Commission for Palestine;

"(d) Reports of the Secretary-General"

was included in the provisional agenda of the thirty-fourth session of the General Assembly in accordance with General Assembly resolutions 33/112 A to F of 18 December 1978.

2. At its 4th plenary meeting, on 21 September 1979, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item in its agenda and to allocate it to the Special Political Committee.

3. The Special Political Committee examined the item at its 6th to 14th meetings, between 17 and 26 October 1979. The Committee had before it the following documents:

- (a) Report of the Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East for the period from 1 July 1978 to 30 June 1979; 1/
- (b) Report of the Working Group on the Financing of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East submitted in accordance with General Assembly resolution 33/112 D of 18 December 1978 (A/34/567);
- (c) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the United Nations Conciliation Commission for Palestine, in accordance with paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution 512 (VI) of 26 January 1952 and paragraph 4 of Assembly resolution 33/112 A of 18 December 1978 (A/34/549);
- (d) Report of the Secretary-General submitted in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 33/112 C of 18 December 1978 (A/34/480);
- (e) Report of the Secretary-General submitted in pursuance of paragraph 4 of General Assembly resolution 33/112 E of 18 December 1978 (A/34/517);
- (f) Report of the Secretary-General submitted in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 33/112 F of 18 December 1978 (A/34/518).

4. At its 6th meeting, on 17 October, the Committee heard a statement by the Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA), who introduced his report. 1/ At the same meeting, the representative of Norway, Rapporteur of the Working Group on the Financing of UNRWA, introduced the report of the Working Group (A/34/567).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTIONS

5. In the course of its deliberations, the Special Political Committee considered six draft resolutions, as set forth below.

A. Draft resolution A/SPC/34/L.3

6. At the 7th meeting, on 18 October, the representative of the United States of America introduced a draft resolution (A/SPC/34/L.3) entitled "Assistance to Palestine refugees".

7. At its 14th meeting, on 26 October, the Committee adopted the draft resolution by a recorded vote of 116 to none, with 1 abstention (see para. 26, draft resolution A). The voting was as follows: 2/

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 13 (A/34/13 and Corr.1).

2/ Following the vote, the representatives of Burundi, the Dominican Republic, Ghana, Guyana, Nigeria and Sri Lanka stated that, had they been present for the vote, they would have voted in favour of the draft resolution.

In favour: Afghanistan, Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burma, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Yemen, Denmark, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, German Democratic Republic, Germany, Federal Republic of, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Netherlands, New Zealand, Niger, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Somalia, Spain, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Cameroon, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Upper Volta, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia.

Against: None.

Abstaining: Israel.

8. Following the voting, the representatives of the United States of America, Israel, Iraq, Mexico, the Syrian Arab Republic and the United Arab Emirates made statements in explanation of vote.

B. Draft resolution A/SPC/34/L.4

9. At the 9th meeting, on 22 October, the representative of Sweden introduced a draft resolution (A/SPC/34/L.4) entitled "Assistance to persons displaced as a result of the June 1967 hostilities", which was sponsored by Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Federal Republic of, Greece, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Malaysia, the Netherlands, Norway, the Philippines and Sweden.

10. At its 14th meeting, on 26 October, the Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote (see para. 26, draft resolution B).

11. Following the voting, the representative of the United States of America made a statement in explanation of vote.

C. Draft resolution A/SPC/34/L.5

12. At the 10th meeting, on 23 October, the representative of Jordan introduced a draft resolution (A/SPC/34/L.5) entitled "Offers by Members States of grants and scholarships for higher education, including vocational training, for the Palestinian refugees", which was sponsored by Jordan, Lebanon, Oman and Qatar, subsequently joined by Bahrain, Kuwait, Pakistan and Yugoslavia.

13. At its 14th meeting, on 26 October, the Committee adopted the draft resolution by a recorded vote of 117 to none, with 2 abstentions (see para. 26, draft resolution C). The voting was as follows: 3/

In favour: Afghanistan, Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burma, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Yemen, Denmark, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, German Democratic Republic, Germany, Federal Republic of, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Netherlands, New Zealand, Niger, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Somalia, Spain, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Cameroon, United Republic of Tanzania, Upper Volta, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia.

Against: None.

Abstaining: Israel, United States of America.

14. Following the voting, the representatives of the United States of America and Israel made statements in explanation of vote.

3/ Following the vote, the representatives of Burundi, the Dominican Republic, Nigeria and Sri Lanka stated that, had they been present for the vote, they would have voted in favour of the draft resolution.

D. Draft resolution A/SPC/34/L.6

15. At the 10th meeting, on 23 October, the representative of the Netherlands introduced a draft resolution (A/SPC/34/L.6) entitled "Working Group on the Financing of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine refugees in the Near East" which was sponsored by Canada, Denmark, Germany, Federal Republic of, India, Indonesia, Iran, Malaysia, the Netherlands, New Zealand, the Philippines, Spain, Sweden, Trinidad and Tobago, Yugoslavia and Zaire.

16. On 24 October, the Secretary-General, in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, submitted a statement (A/SPC/34/L.9) on the administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution.

17. At its 14th meeting, on 26 October, the Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote (see para. 26, draft resolution D).

18. Following the voting, the representative of the United States of America made a statement in explanation of vote.

E. Draft resolution A/SPC/34/L.7

19. At the 11th meeting, on 24 October, the representative of Afghanistan introduced a draft resolution (A/SPC/34/L.7) entitled "Population and refugees displaced since 1967", which was sponsored by Afghanistan, Bangladesh, the Comoros, Cuba, Guinea-Bissau, Pakistan and Yugoslavia, subsequently joined by Indonesia.

20. At its 14th meeting, on 26 October, the Committee agreed to a proposal by the representative of Mexico that a separate vote should be taken on paragraph 2 of draft resolution A/SPC/34/L.7. The paragraph was adopted by 91 votes to 6, with 23 abstentions.

21. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution by a recorded vote of 101 votes to 4, with 18 abstentions (see para. 26, draft resolution E). The voting was as follows: 4/

In favour: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Argentina, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Benin, Bhutan, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burma, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Yemen, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, German Democratic Republic, Ghana, Greece, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Honduras, Hungary, India, Indonesia,

4/ Following the vote, the representative of Sri Lanka stated that, had he been present for the vote, he would have voted in favour of the draft resolution.

Iran, Iraq, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritania, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Somalia, Spain, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Cameroon, United Republic of Tanzania, Upper Volta, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia.

Against: Australia, Canada, Israel, United States of America.

Abstaining: Austria, Barbados, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Federal Republic of, Guatemala, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Sweden, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

22. Following the voting, the representatives of Ireland (on behalf of the nine States members of the European Communities), the United States of America, Israel, Spain, Portugal, Mexico, Sweden, Norway and Finland made statements in explanation of vote.

F. Draft resolution A/SPC/34/L.8

23. At the 13th meeting, on 25 October, the representative of Pakistan introduced a draft resolution (A/SPC/34/L.8) entitled "Palestine refugees in the Gaza Strip", which was sponsored by Afghanistan, Indonesia, Iran, Pakistan and Yugoslavia, subsequently joined by India.

24. At its 14th meeting, on 26 October, the Committee adopted the draft resolution by a recorded vote of 117 votes to 1, with 5 abstentions (see para. 26, draft resolution F). The voting was as follows: 5/

In favour: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burma, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Yemen, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, German Democratic Republic, Germany, Federal Republic of,

5/ Following the vote, the representative of Sri Lanka stated that, had he been present for the vote, he would have voted in favour of the draft resolution.

Ghana, Greece, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Netherlands, New Zealand, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Somalia, Spain, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Cameroon, United Republic of Tanzania, Upper Volta, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia.

Against: Israel.

Abstaining: Barbados, Canada, Guatemala, Ivory Coast, United States of America.

25. Following the voting, the representatives of Ireland (on behalf of the nine States members of the European Communities), the Ivory Coast, the United States of America, Israel, Norway and Sweden made statements in explanation of vote.

III. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SPECIAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE

26. The Special Political Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East

A

Assistance to Palestine refugees

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 33/112 A of 18 December 1978 and all previous resolutions referred to therein, including resolution 194 (III) of 11 December 1948,

Taking note of the report of the Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, covering the period from 1 July 1978 to 30 June 1979, 6/

6/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 13 (A/34/13 and Corr.1).

1. Notes with deep regret that repatriation or compensation of the refugees as provided for in paragraph 11 of General Assembly resolution 194 (III) has not been effected, that no substantial progress has been made in the programme endorsed by the Assembly in paragraph 2 of resolution 513 (VI) of 26 January 1952 for the reintegration of refugees either by repatriation or resettlement and that, therefore, the situation of the refugees continues to be a matter of serious concern;
2. Expresses its thanks to the Commissioner-General and to all the staff of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, recognizing that the Agency is doing all it can within the limits of available resources, and also expresses its thanks to the specialized agencies and private organizations for their valuable work in assisting the refugees;
3. Expresses its deep appreciation to the former Commissioner-General, Mr. Thomas W. McElhiney, for his many years of effective service to the Agency and his dedication to the welfare of the refugees;
4. Reiterates its request that the headquarters of the Agency be relocated within the area of its operations as soon as practicable;
5. Notes with regret that the United Nations Conciliation Commission for Palestine has been unable to find a means of achieving progress in the implementation of paragraph 11 of General Assembly resolution 194 (III) and requests the Commission to exert continued efforts towards the implementation of the paragraph and to report as appropriate, but no later than 1 October 1980;
6. Directs attention to the continuing seriousness of the financial position of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, as outlined in the report of the Commissioner-General;
7. Notes with profound concern that, despite the commendable and successful efforts of the Commissioner-General to collect additional contributions, this increased level of income to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East is still insufficient to cover essential budget requirements in the present year, and that, at presently foreseen levels of giving, deficits will recur each year;
8. Calls upon all Governments as a matter of urgency to make the most generous efforts possible to meet the anticipated needs of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, particularly in the light of the budgetary deficit projected in the report of the Commissioner-General, and therefore urges non-contributing Governments to contribute regularly and contributing Governments to consider increasing their regular contributions.

B

Assistance to persons displaced as a result of the
June 1967 hostilities

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 33/112 B of 18 December 1978 and all previous resolutions referred to therein,

Taking note of the annual report of the Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, covering the period from 1 July 1978 to 30 June 1979, 7/

Concerned about the continued human suffering resulting from the June 1967 hostilities in the Middle East,

1. Reaffirms its resolution 33/112 B and all previous resolutions referred to therein:
2. Endorses, bearing in mind the objectives of those resolutions, the efforts of the Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East to continue to provide humanitarian assistance as far as practicable, on an emergency basis and as a temporary measure, to other persons in the area who are at present displaced and in serious need of continued assistance as a result of the June 1967 hostilities:
3. Strongly appeals to all Governments and to organizations and individuals to contribute generously for the above purposes to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East and to the other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations concerned.

C

Offers by Member States of grants and scholarships for higher
education, including vocational training, for the Palestinian
refugees

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 212 (III) of 19 November 1948 on assistance to Palestinian refugees,

Recalling also its resolution 33/112 C of 18 December 1978,

Cognizant of the fact that the Palestinian refugees have, for the last three decades, lost their lands and means of livelihood,

7/ Ibid.

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of resolution 32/90 F, 8/

Having examined with appreciation the report of the Secretary-General concerning offers of scholarships and grants for higher education for Palestinian refugees and the scope of the implementation of resolution 32/90 F, 9/

Having also examined with appreciation the parts of the report of the Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, covering the period from 1 July 1978 to 30 June 1979, 10/ dealing with this subject,

Noting that less than one per thousand of the Palestinian refugee students have the chance to continue higher education, including vocational training,

Noting also that over the past several years the number of scholarships offered by the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East has dwindled to half of what it was because of the Agency's recurring budgetary difficulties,

1. Expresses its appreciation to all Governments, specialized agencies and non-governmental organizations which responded favourably to resolution 33/112 C;
2. Appeals to all States, specialized agencies and non-governmental organizations to augment the special allocations for scholarships and grants to Palestinian refugees in addition to their contributions to the regular budget of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East;
3. Invites the relevant United Nations agencies to continue to expand the inclusion, within their respective sphere of competence, of assistance for higher education for the Palestinian refugee students;
4. Appeals to all States, specialized agencies and the United Nations University to contribute generously to the Palestinian universities in the territories occupied by Israel since 1967;
5. Also appeals to all States, specialized agencies and other international bodies to contribute towards the establishment of vocational training centres for Palestinian refugees;

8/ Ibid., Thirty-third Session, Annexes, agenda item 54, document A/33/287.

9/ A/34/480.

10/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 13 (A/34/13 and Corr.1).

6. Requests the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East to act as recipient and trustee for such special allocations and scholarships and to award them to qualified Palestinian refugee candidates;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

D

Working Group on the Financing of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 2656 (XXV) of 7 December 1970, 2728 (XXV) of 15 December 1970, 2791 (XXVI) of 6 December 1971, 2964 (XXVII) of 13 December 1972, 3090 (XXVIII) of 7 December 1973, 3330 (XXIX) of 17 December 1974, 3419 (XXX) of 8 December 1975, 31/15 C of 23 November 1976, 32/90 D of 13 December 1977 and 33/112 D of 18 December 1978,

Having considered the report of the Working Group on the Financing of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, 11/

Taking into account the report of the Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, covering the period from 1 July 1978 to 30 June 1979, 12/

Gravely concerned at the critical financial situation of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, which has already reduced the essential minimum services being provided to the Palestine refugees and which threatens even greater reductions in the future,

Emphasizing the urgent need for extraordinary efforts in order to maintain, at least at their present minimum level, the activities of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East,

1. Commends the Working Group on the Financing of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East for its efforts to assist in ensuring the Agency's financial security;

2. Notes with approval the report of the Working Group;

11/ A/34/567.

12/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 13 (A/34/13 and Corr.1).

3. Requests the Working Group to continue its efforts, in co-operation with the Secretary-General and the Commissioner-General, for the financing of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East for a further period of one year;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to provide the necessary services and assistance to the Working Group for the conduct of its work.

E

Population and refugees displaced since 1967

The General Assembly,

Recalling Security Council resolution 237 (1967) of 14 June 1967,

Recalling also its resolutions 2252 (ES-V) of 4 July 1967, 2452 A (XXIII) of 19 December 1968, 2535 B (XXIV) of 10 December 1969, 2672 D (XXV) of 8 December 1970, 2792 E (XXVI) of 6 December 1971, 2963 C and D (XXVII) of 13 December 1972, 3089 C (XXVIII) of 7 December 1973, 3331 D (XXIX) of 17 December 1974, 3419 C (XXX) of 8 December 1975, 31/15 D of 23 November 1976, 32/90 E of 13 December 1977 and 33/112 F of 18 December 1978,

Having considered the report of the Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, covering the period from 1 July 1978 to 30 June 1979, 13/ and the report of the Secretary-General of 16 October 1979, 14/

1. Reaffirms the inalienable right of all the displaced inhabitants to return to their homes or former places of residence in the territories occupied by Israel since 1967, and declares once more that any attempt to restrict, or to attach conditions to, the free exercise of the right of return by any displaced person is inconsistent with that inalienable right and inadmissible;

2. Considers any and all agreements embodying any restriction or condition on the return of the displaced inhabitants as null and void;

3. Deplores the continued refusal of the Israeli authorities to take steps for the return of the displaced inhabitants;

4. Calls once more upon Israel:

(a) To take immediate steps for the return of all the displaced inhabitants;

(b) To desist from all measures that obstruct the return of the displaced inhabitants, including measures affecting the physical and demographic structure of the occupied territories;

13/ Ibid.

14/ A/34/518.

5. Requests the Secretary-General, after consulting with the Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, to report to the General Assembly by the opening of the thirty-fifth session on Israel's compliance with paragraph 4 of the present resolution.

F

Palestine refugees in the Gaza Strip

The General Assembly,

Recalling Security Council resolution 237 (1967) of 14 June 1967,

Recalling also its resolutions 2792 C (XXVI) of 6 December 1971, 2963 C (XXVII) of 13 December 1972, 3089 C (XXVIII) of 7 December 1973, 3331 D (XXIX) of 17 December 1974, 3419 C (XXX) of 8 December 1975, 31/15 E of 23 November 1976, 32/90 C of 13 December 1977 and 33/112 E of 18 December 1978,

Having considered the report of the Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, covering the period from 1 July 1978 to 30 June 1979, 15/ and the report of the Secretary-General of 16 October 1979, 16/

Recalling the provisions of paragraph 11 of its resolution 194 (III) and considering that measures to resettle Palestinian refugees in the Gaza Strip away from the homes and property from which they were displaced constitute a violation of their inalienable right of return,

1. Calls once more upon Israel to desist from removal and resettlement of Palestinian refugees in the Gaza Strip and from destruction of their shelters;

2. Requests the Secretary-General, after consulting with the Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, to report to the General Assembly by the opening of its thirty-fifth session on Israel's compliance with paragraph 1 of the present resolution.

15/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 13 (A/34/13 and Corr.1).

16/ A/34/517.