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THE PALESTINE QUESTION

Resolution adopted by the Security Council at its
728th meeting on 4 June 1956

The Security Council,

Recalling its resolutions of 4 April 1956 (S/3575) and 11 August 1949 (S/1376-II);

Having received the report of the Secretary-General on his recent mission on behalf of the Security Council (S/3596);

Noting those passages of the report (Section III and Annexes I-IV) which refer to the assurances given to the Secretary-General by all the parties to the Armistice Agreements unconditionally to observe the cease-fire;

Noting also that progress has been made towards the adoption of the specific measures set out in the third operative paragraph of the Security Council's resolution of 4 April 1956;

Noting, however, that full compliance with the General Armistice Agreements and with the Council's resolutions of 30 March 1955, 8 September 1955 and 19 January 1956, is not yet effected, and that the measures called for in the third operative paragraph of its resolution of 4 April 1956 have been neither completely agreed upon nor put fully into effect;

Believing that further progress should now be made in consolidating the gains resulting from the Secretary-General's mission and towards full implementation by the parties of the Armistice Agreements;

1. Commends the Secretary-General and the parties on the progress already achieved;
2. Declares that the parties to the Armistice Agreements should speedily carry out the measures already agreed upon with the Secretary-General, and should co-operate with the Secretary-General and the Chief of Staff of the Truce Supervision

Organization to put into effect their further practical proposals, pursuant to the resolution of 4 April, with a view to full implementation of that resolution and full compliance with the Armistice Agreements;

3. Declares that full freedom of movement of United Nations observers must be respected along the Armistice Demarcation Lines, in the Demilitarized Zones and in the Defensive Areas, as defined in the Armistice Agreements, to enable them to fulfil their functions;

4. Endorses the Secretary-General's view that the re-establishment of full compliance with the Armistice Agreements represents a stage which has to be passed in order to make progress possible on the main issues between the parties;

5. Requests the Chief of Staff to continue to carry out his observation of the cease-fire pursuant to the Security Council's resolution of 11 August 1949 and to report to the Security Council whenever any action undertaken by one party to an Armistice Agreement constitutes a serious violation of that Agreement or of the cease-fire, which in his opinion requires immediate consideration by the Security Council;

6. Calls upon the parties to the Armistice Agreements to take the steps necessary to carry out this resolution, thereby increasing confidence and demonstrating their wish for peaceful conditions;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to continue his good offices with the parties, with a view to full implementation of the Council's resolution of 4 April 1956 and full compliance with the Armistice Agreements, and to report to the Security Council as appropriate.

