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QUESTION OF THE VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE OCCUPIED
ARAB TERRITORIES, INCLUDING PALESTINE

Report of the Secretary-General

1. At its thirty-fourth session the Commission on Human Rights adopted on 14 February 1978 resolutions 1 A and B (XXXIV). By paragraph 14 of resolution 1 A (XXXIV) 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 the international humanitarian organizations and to give it the widest possible publicity, and to report to the Commission at its thirty-fifth session. By paragraph 6 of resolution 1 B (XXXIV) the Commission requested the Secretary-General to bring that resolution to the attention of all Governments, the competent United Nations organs, the specialized agencies, the regional intergovernmental organizations, the international humanitarian organizations and non-governmental organizations.
2. In accordance with the request of the Commission the Secretary-General brought resolutions 1 A and B (XXXIV) to the attention of all Governments, by note verbale dated 15 June 1978. The resolutions were also brought to the attention of the members of the General Assembly and the Security Council in document A/33/161 - S/12758. They were communicated to the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Population of the Occupied Territories and to the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People by letters dated 8 June 1978.
3. Furthermore, the resolutions were transmitted to all the specialized agencies and to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East. The Council of Europe, the Organization of African Unity, the Organization of American States, and the League of Arab States were also sent copies of the resolutions.
4. In response to the request of the Commission on Human Rights the Office of Public Information continued to take steps to ensure that the resolutions would receive the widest possible publicity.

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5. The attention of information centre directors was drawn to the resolutions. All press releases on this subject were sent to the information centres. In addition, all documents and press releases relating to the resolutions were made available to the representatives of non-governmental organizations associated with OPI.
6. The April 1978 issue of the monthly United Nations Chronicle carried a detailed article on the activities and decisions of the thirty-fourth session of the Commission on Human Rights which included the debate on the occupied territories.
7. The Radio Service publicized the resolutions within the framework of its regular news programmes which are produced in fifteen languages and broadcast in or to over one hundred and twenty Member States.
8. The Public Inquiries Unit provided educators, researchers and students with the resolutions. The Education Information Programmes Section, during its 1978 triangular fellowship programme for officials from the ministries of education and policy makers in the field of education from thirteen Member States from Africa, Europe, the Middle East and North America, devoted several sessions of the programme to the question of violations of human rights in the occupied Arab territories.