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ARAB TERRITORIES, INCLUDING PALESTINE

Text of telegram addressed to the Minister for Foreign Affairs
of Israel adopted by the Commission on Human Rights at its
1480th meeting on 14 February 1979

"The Commission on Human Rights, at its 35th session, expresses once more its deep concern about the systematic torture practised by Israel against Palestinian detainees, as reflected once again in recent international reports. The Commission expresses also its grave concern about the policies of repression and collective punishment pursued by the Israeli Occupation Forces against the Palestinian people in Palestine and in the occupied Arab territories, and in particular the bulldozing and blowing up of houses or such recent methods as the bricking up of these houses so as to render them uninhabitable, thus aggravating the sufferings of the Palestinian people. The Commission calls on the Israeli Government to cease forthwith with the above practices which are in violation of the Geneva Convention of 1949 and to inform the Commission urgently on this matter".