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REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE ISRAELI PRACTICES
AFFECTING THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF THE POPULATION OF THE OCCUPIED
TERRITORIES

Report of the Secretary-General

1. At its twenty-seventh session, the General Assembly adopted resolution 3005 (XXVII) of 15 December 1972 concerning the report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Population of the Occupied Territories. In paragraphs 8 and 10 of that resolution, the Assembly, inter alia, requested the Secretary-General "to render all necessary facilities to the Special Committee, including those required for its visits to the occupied territories with a view to investigating Israeli policies and practices affecting the human rights of the population of the occupied territories," and "to ensure the widest circulation of the reports of the Special Committee by all means available through the Office of Public Information of the Secretariat".
2. The present report is submitted in accordance with paragraph 12 of that resolution by which the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to report to it at its twenty-eighth session on the task entrusted to him.
3. The Secretary-General continued, as in previous years, to render all the necessary facilities to the Special Committee. On 29 August 1973, at the request of the Special Committee, the Secretary-General sent a note verbale to the States parties to the Geneva Convention Relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War of 12 August 1949, 1/ forwarding the text of resolution 3005 (XXVII) and drawing their attention to paragraph 6, whereby the Assembly requested all States parties to the Geneva Convention to do their utmost to ensure that Israel respects and fulfils its obligations under that Convention. The Secretary-General, on the request of the Special Committee, inquired of the States parties to the Convention what action had been taken or was contemplated by them by way of implementation of paragraph 6 of resolution 3005 (XXVII).
4. The Secretary-General has transmitted to the Special Committee the information received from Governments in response to this request.

1/ United Nations, Treaty Series, vol. 75, No. 973, p. 287.

5. United Nations information centres were instructed to devote special attention to making public the reports of the Special Committee as well as press releases and other material prepared by the Office of Public Information (OPI) on the Committee's activities and aims. In addition, OPI made all the information material on the Special Committee and its work available to the representatives of about 250 non-governmental organizations at Headquarters and to national and regional non-governmental organizations around the world.

6. The Office of Public Information gave extensive radio coverage to the work of the Special Committee, notably in the programme "The Week at the UN", and prepared a 15-minute programme entirely devoted to the subject matter of the Committee's report. These programmes have world-wide distribution.

7. An article on the work of the Special Committee was prepared by the Chairman of the Committee at the invitation of the Office of Public Information. This article appeared in the May 1973 issue of the United Nations Monthly Chronicle, and was subsequently reprinted in leaflet form and distributed in both English and French.

8. A press release (HR/922) gave full coverage to the public meeting held by the Special Committee on 10 April 1973.
