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REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO
INVESTIGATE ISRAELI PRACTICES
AFFECTING THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF
THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE AND OTHER
ARABS OF THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES

SECURITY COUNCIL
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Letter dated 27 April 1990 from the Permanent Representative of
the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to the United Nations
addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of a statement issued on 27 April 1990 at a briefing in the press centre of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the USSR.

I should be grateful if you would have this text distributed as an official document of the forty-fifth session of the General Assembly, under items 23 and 77 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) A. BELONOGOV

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ANNEX

According to information being received, on 26 April - on the occasion of the observance of the end of the Muslim fast - units of the Israeli Army stormed the Jabalia Palestine refugee camp in the occupied Gaza Strip. The operation, commanded by the Chief of the Israeli General Staff, D. Shomron, employed tanks and military helicopters. Israeli soldiers broke into homes and mosques and carried out mass searches and arrests.

In protest, Palestinians began massive demonstrations in Gaza. Although the demonstrators employed exclusively peaceful means, without using weapons, the Israeli troops fired on them. As a result, at least two Palestinians were killed and about one hundred wounded.

The Soviet Union roundly condemns this cruel and criminal action by the Israeli soldiery and demands an immediate end to the acts of repression against the civilian population, the systematic violations of human rights and the insulting of the religious feelings of the faithful.

All these actions fall clearly within the overall context of the unlawful policy pursued by Israel in the occupied Arab territories, consisting in the continual establishment there of new illegal settlements and the settling of Jewish immigrants. That policy must be firmly resisted by the entire international community.

It is high time for the Israeli leadership to realize that reliance on repression and brute force will lead their country down a blind alley and undermine peaceful efforts in the region. Once again we appeal to Israel to heed the voice of reason and to make a genuine choice in favour of peace based on law and justice.
