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

Letter dated 12 November 1979 from the Permanent Representative
of Egypt to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-
General

I have the honour to enclose herewith the text of the statement issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Egypt today, 12 November 1979, concerning the situation in the occupied Arab territories, specifically the Israeli action of expelling Mr. Bassam El Schakah, Mayor of Nablus.

I kindly request that this letter be published as an official document of the General Assembly under agenda items 24, 25 and 51.

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Ambassador
Permanent Representative

ANNEX

Statement dated 12 November 1979 issued by the Ministry for
Foreign Affairs of Egypt concerning the situation in the
occupied Arab territories

1. The spokesman of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Egypt, commented on the decision to expel Mr. Bassam El Schakah, the Mayor of Nablus, by stating that the Ministry received this news with great surprise and regret because such a step by the Israeli occupation authorities is in contradiction to what Israel had committed itself to in Camp David - to undertake confidence-building measures towards the Palestinians - and it also constitutes a violation of basic human rights.
2. The spokesman also stated that it is the right of the Palestinian people to express their position towards Israel's occupation of their land. The expulsion of the people of the occupied territories or the dismissal of elected Palestinian officials cannot lead to any results.
3. On the other hand, the spokesman strongly condemned the decision of the Israeli Cabinet to consolidate and expand Israeli settlements in the occupied West Bank as reported by news agencies. He declared that this decision signifies that the Israeli Government continues in its illegal measures which are against the principles of international law and the Geneva Conventions. The spokesman emphasized that Egypt considers all such Israeli measures have no legal validity and are an obstacle on the road towards a comprehensive peace.
