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PRACTICES AFFECTING THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF THE POPULATION
OF THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES

Report of the Secretary-General

(in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 39/95 F)

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UKRAINIAN SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLIC

1. The Ukrainian SSR strongly condemns the aggressive and expansionist policy of Israel, carried out with the direct support and patronage of Washington, and the illegal activities of the Israeli authorities in the occupied Arab territories. That policy is the main obstacle in the way of a just and comprehensive settlement in the Middle East. The actions of Israel in the occupied Arab territories, including all legislative and administrative measures aimed at changing the geographic and physical character, demographic composition, organizational structure and legal status of those territories, including East Jerusalem, constitute a flagrant violation of the norms of international law, including the Fourth Geneva Convention of 1949 relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War. Those actions are a direct challenge to the United Nations Charter and numerous resolutions of the United Nations General Assembly and the Security Council.
2. In accordance with the resolution of the United Nations General Assembly the Ukrainian SSR will not recognize any changes made by Israel in the occupied Arab territories and takes no action which could be used by Israel in the pursuit of its policies of annexation and colonization of those lands. The General Assembly's appeal to the Security Council, as contained in the resolution, to ensure Israel's respect for and compliance with all the provisions of the above-mentioned Geneva Convention of 1949 and to take measures to put an end to Israel's policies and practices in the occupied Arab territories is fully justified.
3. As a non-permanent member of the Security Council, the Ukrainian SSR steadfastly urges in the Council that the criminal policies and practices of Israel in the occupied Palestinian and other Arab territories, including Jerusalem, should be brought to an end. In the meetings of the Security Council held on 12 and 13 September 1985 the Ukrainian SSR strongly condemned the aggressive and expansionist policy of Israel and its consequent repressive actions against the Arab population of the occupied Palestinian territories, and called for their immediate cessation. The delegation of the Ukrainian SSR in the Council supported the draft resolution (S/17459) submitted by non-aligned countries, and voted in favour of it.
4. As a member of the United Nations Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, the Ukrainian SSR actively participates in its work and fully supports the just struggle of the Arab peoples for the elimination of the consequences of Israeli aggression.
5. The interests of peace and international security urgently require the attainment as quickly as possible of a comprehensive, just and lasting settlement in the Middle East. Such a settlement can be secured only through collective efforts with the participation of all interested parties, including the PLO, the sole and legitimate representative of the Palestinian people.

6. The well-known Soviet proposals of 29 July 1984 for a Middle East settlement are aimed at securing a just and lasting peace in the region. They stress as principles for a settlement the necessity of returning to the Arab peoples all the territories occupied by Israel in 1967 and the exercise of the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people to self-determination and the establishment of their own State. The Soviet proposals also envisage the appropriate machinery for such a settlement: the convening of an international conference on the Middle East under the auspices of the United Nations.

7. The idea of convening such a conference is receiving ever-increasing support from States Members of the United Nations. At the thirty-ninth session of the General Assembly a resolution on the preparation and convening of such a conference was endorsed by an overwhelming majority of States. The Ukrainian SSR was among the sponsors of that resolution.
