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CONVENING OF THE SESSION

Note by the Secretary-General

1. In a letter dated 1 July 1980 addressed to the Secretary-General (see annex), the Permanent Representative of Senegal to the United Nations requested an emergency special session of the General Assembly to discuss the item entitled "Question of Palestine".
2. Upon receipt of the aforementioned letter, the Secretary-General, in a note dated 2 July 1980, transmitted the text to Member States requesting them, bearing in mind his responsibilities under rule 9 (b) of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, to inform him whether they concurred in the request for the convening of an emergency special session.
3. In a note dated 21 July, the Secretary-General informed Member States that the majority of Members had concurred in Senegal's request and that, accordingly, the seventh emergency special session would open at United Nations Headquarters, New York, at 10.30 a.m. on Tuesday, 22 July 1980.
4. The provisional agenda of the session will be issued as document A/ES-7/2.

ANNEX

Letter dated 1 July 1980 from the Permanent Representative of Senegal
to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

In paragraph 7 of its resolution 34/65 A, adopted on 29 November 1979, the General Assembly once again urged the Security Council to consider and take, as soon as possible, a decision on the recommendations of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, contained in document A/31/35 and endorsed by the Assembly in its resolution 31/20, 32/40 and 33/28 A.

At the repeated urging of the Committee, the Security Council discussed this matter in the course of seven meetings during March and April. A draft resolution, presented by Tunisia (S/13911), was not adopted owing to a negative vote of one of the permanent members of the Council. Further efforts have since been pursued but have failed completely to achieve any concrete results towards the acceptance of the Committee's recommendations endorsed by the General Assembly.

In paragraph 8 of resolution 34/65 A, the General Assembly authorized and requested the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, in the event of the Security Council failing to take a decision on the Committee's recommendations by 31 March 1980, to consider that situation and to make the suggestions it deemed appropriate.

In these circumstances, and in terms of its mandate, the Committee, over which I have the honour to preside, has considered the situation as required by the General Assembly in paragraph 8 of its resolution 34/65 A. Having in mind the escalating tension brought about by the events that have occurred in the area during the intervening period, which further aggravate the already existing serious threat to international peace and security, and the continuing failure of the Security Council, because of lack of unanimity of its permanent members, to exercise its primary responsibility in this respect, the Committee has suggested that an emergency special session of the General Assembly should be held to discuss the item entitled "Question of Palestine".

In the light of the foregoing, I, as representative of Senegal, request that an emergency special session of the General Assembly be held pursuant to resolution 377 A (V) in order to discuss this very important question.

I shall be very grateful if you will kindly initiate the procedures for the emergency special session to be held.

(Signed) Falilou KANE
