

Having received and examined the report of the Special Committee on Peace-keeping Operations of 13 November 1972,²²

Noting with appreciation the agreement arrived at by the Special Committee concerning the election of a new Chairman and two additional Vice-Chairmen and the enlargement of the Committee's Working Group,

Noting with regret that the mandate entrusted to the Special Committee has not yet been fulfilled,

Conscious, nevertheless, that the problems with which the Special Committee has been faced are of a fundamental nature and require close and thorough consideration to which any Member State may usefully contribute,

Bearing in mind that Member States are deeply concerned in the present international situation over the continued lack of agreement on concrete guidelines for carrying out United Nations peace-keeping operations in conformity with the Charter of the United Nations,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Special Committee on Peace-keeping Operations, in particular paragraphs 10 and 11 thereof;

2. *Notes with appreciation* the efforts and contributions of those Member States that have submitted views and suggestions to the Special Committee and requests Member States to continue to make available to the Committee any views and suggestions that they may wish to submit to help its work;

3. *Requests* the Special Committee, taking into account the progress made by its Working Group, to study the views and suggestions submitted by Member States in response to paragraph 4 of General Assembly resolution 2835 (XXVI) and referred to in paragraphs 2, 4 and 6 of the fifth report of the Working Group,²³ as well as those expressed during the debate in the Assembly at its twenty-seventh session, with a view to making renewed efforts;

4. *Recommends* that, in order to expedite progress and to enable the Special Committee to hold a more frequent exchange of views on the question, its Working Group should prepare and submit at intervals reports that would facilitate discussion and agreement on questions of substance;

5. *Urges* the Special Committee to accelerate and intensify its work so as to make substantive progress, in view of the importance of achieving, in pursuance of its mandate, agreed guidelines for carrying out peace-keeping operations in conformity with the Charter of the United Nations;

6. *Requests* the Special Committee to report to the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session.

2108th plenary meeting
13 December 1972

3005 (XXVII). Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Population of the Occupied Territories

The General Assembly,

Guided by the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations,

²² *Ibid.*, Twenty-seventh Session, Annexes, agenda item 41, document A/8888.

²³ *Ibid.*, document A/8888, annex.

Invoking the provisions and principles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,

Bearing in mind the provisions of the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War, of 12 August 1949,²⁴

Recalling Security Council resolutions 237 (1967) of 14 June 1967 and 259 (1968) of 27 September 1968, as well as other pertinent resolutions of the United Nations,

Having considered the report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Population of the Occupied Territories,²⁵

Considering that a system of investigation and protection is required for ensuring effective implementation of the international instruments, such as the Geneva Convention of 12 August 1949, which provide for respect for human rights in armed conflicts,

Recalling that, in accordance with article 1 of that Convention, the States parties have undertaken not only to respect, but also to ensure respect for, the Convention in all circumstances,

Considering that implementation of the Geneva Convention of 12 August 1949 cannot and should not be left open in a situation involving foreign military occupation and the rights of the civilian population of these territories under the provisions of that Convention and in accordance with the principles of international law,

1. *Commends* the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Population of the Occupied Territories for its efforts in performing the tasks assigned to it;

2. *Strongly calls upon* Israel to rescind forthwith, and desist from, all such policies and practices as:

(a) The annexation of any part of the occupied territories;

(b) The establishment of Israeli settlements in those territories and the transfer of parts of an alien population into the occupied territories;

(c) The destruction and demolition of villages, quarters and houses and the confiscation and expropriation of property;

(d) The evacuation, transfer, deportation and expulsion of the inhabitants of the occupied territories;

(e) The denial of the right of the displaced persons to return to their homes;

3. *Reaffirms* that all measures taken by Israel in contravention of the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War, of 12 August 1949, to settle the occupied territories, including occupied Jerusalem, are null and void;

4. *Affirms* the principle of the sovereignty of the population of the occupied territories over their national wealth and resources;

5. *Calls upon* all States, international organizations and specialized agencies not to recognize or cooperate with, or assist in any manner in, any measures undertaken by the occupying Power to exploit the resources of the occupied territories or to effect any changes in the demographic composition or geographic character or institutional structure of those territories;

²⁴ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 75, No. 973, p. 287.

²⁵ A/8828.

6. *Requests* all States parties to the Geneva Convention of 12 August 1949 to do their utmost to ensure that Israel respects and fulfils its obligations under that Convention;

7. *Requests* the Special Committee, pending the early termination of Israeli occupation of Arab territories, to continue its work and to consult, as appropriate, with the International Committee of the Red Cross in order to ensure the safeguarding of the welfare and human rights of the population of the occupied territories;

8. *Requests* 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, especially:

(a) The measures concerning the establishment of Israeli settlements in the occupied territories and the moving into the occupied territories of an alien population, contrary to the provisions of the Geneva Convention of 12 August 1949;

(b) The situation concerning the annexation of any part of the territories occupied by Israel since 5 June 1967;

(c) The exploitation and the looting of the resources of the occupied territories;

(d) The changes in the physical character or demographic composition or institutional structure of

those territories, including the transfer or deportation of population thereof or the demolition of houses and towns therein;

(e) The pillaging of the archaeological and cultural heritage of the occupied territories;

(f) The interference in the freedom of worship in the holy places of the occupied territories;

9. *Calls upon* Israel to co-operate with the Secretary-General and the Special Committee and to facilitate their tasks;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General 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;

11. *Requests* the Special Committee to report to the Secretary-General as soon as possible and whenever the need arises thereafter;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session on the task entrusted to him;

13. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its twenty-eighth session the item entitled "Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Population of the Occupied Territories".

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