

General Assembly, the scientific community and the public;

7. *Requests* the Scientific Committee to review at its twenty-seventh session the important problems in the field of radiation and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its thirty-third session;

8. *Requests* all Member States and the United Nations agencies and non-governmental organizations concerned to continue to supply to the Scientific Committee further data relevant to its work with a view to facilitating the preparation by the Committee of its report.

*53rd plenary meeting
31 October 1977*

32/8. Safety of international civil aviation

The General Assembly,

Recognizing that the orderly functioning of international civil air travel under conditions guaranteeing the safety of its operations is in the interest of all peoples and promotes and preserves friendly relations among States,

Recalling its resolution 2645 (XXV) of 25 November 1970, in which it recognized that acts of aerial hijacking or other wrongful interference with civil air travel jeopardize the lives and safety of passengers and crew and constitute a violation of their human rights,

Recalling also its resolution 2551 (XXIV) of 12 December 1969 as well as Security Council resolution 286 (1970) of 9 September 1970 and the Council's decision of 20 June 1972,⁴

1. *Reiterates and reaffirms* its condemnation of acts of aerial hijacking or other interference with civil air travel through the threat or use of force, and all acts of violence which may be directed against passengers, crew and aircraft, whether committed by individuals or States;

2. *Calls upon* all States to take all necessary steps, taking into account the relevant recommendations of the United Nations and the International Civil Aviation Organization, to prevent acts of the nature referred to in paragraph 1 above, including the improvement of security arrangements at airports or by airlines as well as the exchange of relevant information, and to this end to take joint and separate action, subject to respect for the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and for the relevant United Nations declarations, covenants and resolutions and without prejudice to the sovereignty or territorial integrity of any State, in co-operation with the United Nations and the International Civil Aviation Organization, to ensure that passengers, crew and aircraft engaged in civil aviation are not used as a means of extorting advantage of any kind;

3. *Appeals* to all States which have not yet become parties to the Convention on Offences and Certain Other Acts Committed on Board Aircraft, signed at Tokyo on 14 September 1963,⁵ the Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Seizure of Aircraft, signed at The Hague on 16 December 1970,⁶ and the Convention

for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Civil Aviation, signed at Montreal on 23 September 1971,⁷ to give urgent consideration to ratifying or acceding to those conventions;

4. *Calls upon* the International Civil Aviation Organization to undertake urgently further efforts with a view to ensuring the security of air travel and preventing the recurrence of acts of the nature referred to in paragraph 1 above, including the reinforcement of annex 17⁸ to the Convention on International Civil Aviation, signed at Chicago on 7 December 1944;⁹

5. *Appeals* to all Governments to make serious studies of the abnormal situation related to hijacking.

*56th plenary meeting
3 November 1977*

32/90. United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East

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ASSISTANCE TO PALESTINE REFUGEES

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 31/15 A of 23 November 1976 and all previous resolutions referred to therein, including resolution 194 (III) of 11 December 1948,

Taking note of the annual report of the Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, covering the period from 1 July 1976 to 30 June 1977,¹⁰

1. *Notes with deep regret* that repatriation or compensation of the refugees as provided for in paragraph 11 of General Assembly resolution 194 (III) has not been effected, that no substantial progress has been made in the programme endorsed by the Assembly in paragraph 2 of resolution 513 (VI) of 26 January 1952 for the reintegration of refugees either by repatriation or resettlement and that, therefore, the situation of the refugees continues to be a matter of serious concern;

2. *Expresses its sincere appreciation* to Sir John Rennie, who retired this year as Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, for his efficient administration of the Agency and for his dedicated service to the welfare of the refugees during the past nine years;

3. *Expresses its thanks* to the Commissioner-General and to the staff of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East for their continued dedicated and effective efforts under difficult circumstances to provide essential services for the Palestine refugees, recognizing that the Agency is doing all it can within the limits of available resources, and also expresses its thanks to the specialized agencies and private organizations for their valuable work in assisting the refugees;

⁷ *Ibid.*, vol. 24, part 1 (1973), p. 568.

⁸ See *International Standards and Recommended Practices: Security—Safeguarding international civil aviation against acts of unlawful interference* (International Civil Aviation Organization, Montreal, August 1974). This first edition of annex 17 was adopted by the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization on 22 March 1974.

⁹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 15, No. 102.

¹⁰ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-second Session, Supplement No. 13 (A/32/13 and Corr.1 and 2).*

⁴ *Official Records of the Security Council, Twenty-seventh Year, Supplement for April, May and June 1972, document S/10705.*

⁵ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 704, No. 10106.

⁶ *United States Treaties and Other International Agreements*, vol. 22, part 2 (1971), p. 1644.