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The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 32/5 of 28 October 1977 and 33/113 B of 18 December 1978,

Expressing grave anxiety and concern at the present serious situation in the occupied Arab territories as a result of the continued Israeli occupation and the measures and actions taken by the Government of Israel, as the occupying Power, and designed to change the legal status, geographical nature and demographic composition of those territories,

Considering that the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War, of 12 August 1949,³⁶ is applicable to all the Arab territories occupied since 5 June 1967,

1. *Determines* that all such measures and actions taken by Israel in the Palestinian and other Arab territories occupied since 1967 have no legal validity and constitute a serious obstruction of efforts aimed at achieving a just and lasting peace in the Middle East;

2. *Strongly deplors* the persistence of Israel in carrying out such measures, in particular the establishment of settlements in the Palestinian and other occupied Arab territories;

3. *Calls again upon* Israel to comply strictly with its international obligations in accordance with the principles of international law and the provisions of the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War, of 12 August 1949;

4. *Calls once more upon* the Government of Israel, as the occupying Power, to desist forthwith from taking any action which would result in changing the legal status, geographical nature or demographic composition of the Arab territories occupied since 1967, including Jerusalem;

5. *Urges* all States parties to the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War to respect and to exert all efforts in order to ensure respect for and compliance with its provisions in all the Arab territories occupied by Israel since 1967, including Jerusalem.

*99th plenary meeting
12 December 1979*

34/91. Question of the islands of Glorieuses, Juan de Nova, Europa and Bassas da India

The General Assembly,

Having considered the question of the islands of Glorieuses, Juan de Nova, Europa and Bassas da India,

Recalling its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, containing the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples,

Recalling further the Declaration on Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Co-operation among States in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, contained in its resolution 2625 (XXV) of 24 October 1970,

Considering its resolution 34/21 of 9 November 1979, as well as previous resolutions on co-operation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity,

Bearing in mind the decisions on the islands of Glorieuses, Juan de Nova, Europa and Bassas da India

³⁶ *Ibid.*

adopted by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity at its fifteenth³⁷ and sixteenth³⁸ regular sessions, held at Khartoum from 18 to 22 July 1978 and at Monrovia from 17 to 20 July 1979,

Taking note of the part of the Political Declaration adopted by the Sixth Conference of Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Havana from 3 to 9 September 1979,³⁹ relating to the Malagasy islands in the Indian Ocean,

Recalling the relevant provisions of the Charter of the United Nations on the peaceful settlement of disputes,

Noting the request of Madagascar for the reintegration of the islands of Glorieuses, Juan de Nova, Europa and Bassas da India,⁴⁰

Considering that the Government of Madagascar has repeatedly signified its willingness to enter into negotiations with the Government of France with a view to finding a solution to the question in conformity with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations,

1. *Reaffirms* the necessity of scrupulously respecting the national unity and territorial integrity of a colonial territory at the time of its accession to independence;

2. *Takes note* of the resolution on the islands of Glorieuses, Juan de Nova, Europa and Bassas da India adopted by the Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity at its thirty-third ordinary session, held at Monrovia from 6 to 20 July 1979;⁴¹

3. *Invites* the Government of France to initiate negotiations without further delay with the Government of Madagascar for the reintegration of the above-mentioned islands, which were arbitrarily separated from Madagascar;

4. *Calls upon* the Government of France to repeal the measures which infringe the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Madagascar and to refrain from taking other measures that would have the same effect and could hinder the search for a just solution to the present dispute;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to follow the implementation of the present resolution and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session;

6. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-fifth session an item entitled "Question of the Malagasy islands of Glorieuses, Juan de Nova, Europa and Bassas da India".

*99th plenary meeting
12 December 1979*

34/181. Co-operation and assistance in the application and improvement of national information and mass communication systems for social progress and development

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 1778 (XVII) of 7 December 1962, 3148 (XXVIII) of 14 December 1973, 31/139 of 16 December 1976 and 33/115 A of 18 December 1978,

³⁷ See A/33/235 and Corr.1.

³⁸ See A/34/552.

³⁹ See A/34/542, annex, sect. I, para. 100.

⁴⁰ See A/34/245, annex.

⁴¹ A/34/552, annex I, resolution CM/Res.732 (XXXIII).

Desirous that the benefits of co-operation and assistance in the application and the establishment and/or improvement of national information and mass communication systems for social progress and development should be considered with a view to disseminating those benefits to all countries regardless of their stages of economic and social development,

Recognizing that the potential of the field of communications should be applicable to all developing countries so that it may be used appropriately to enhance further the economic and social progress of developing countries and to allow all developing countries to have equal access to communication technology in order to develop and operate their own communication systems and policies,

Noting with appreciation the relevant decisions in the field of mass communications adopted by the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization at its twentieth session,⁴²

Convinced that consideration of ways and means of achieving the application and improvement of national information and mass communication systems for social progress and development will pave the way for improved international co-operation in the field of mass communications,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the reports of the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization concerning co-operation and assistance in the application and improvement of national information and mass communication systems for social progress and development,⁴³ and notes in particular the recommendations made by the Intergovernmental Conference on Communication Policies in Asia and Oceania, held at Kuala Lumpur from 5 to 14 February 1979;⁴⁴

2. *Requests* the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, in the light of recommendation 51 of the Kuala Lumpur Conference⁴⁴ and of the recommendations of the Intergovernmental Planning Conference on Communication Development to be convened by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization in Paris from 14 to 21 April 1980, to study, among other alternatives, the possibility of the establishment of an international fund for the development of communications under the auspices of that organization;

3. *Requests* the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to continue to pursue his efforts to prepare an integrated model plan for co-operation and assistance in the application and improvement of national information and mass communication systems for social progress and development, in accordance with paragraph 3 of General Assembly resolution 33/115 A, and to submit his report to the Assembly at its thirty-fifth session, in the light of the Intergovernmental Planning Conference on Communication Development to be held in April 1980 and of the decisions adopted by the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization at its twenty-first session;

4. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-fifth session the item entitled "Co-operation and assistance in the application and improvement of national information and mass communication systems

for social progress and development" and to consider it at that session as a matter of priority.

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34/182. Questions relating to information

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 3535 (XXX) of 17 December 1975 and 31/139 of 16 December 1976 and other relevant resolutions of the General Assembly on the question of information, in particular resolutions 33/115 A to C of 18 December 1978,

Recalling article 19 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights⁴⁵ and articles 19 and 20 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights,⁴⁶

Recalling its resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974, containing the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974, containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States, and 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation,

Recalling the Declaration on Fundamental Principles concerning the Contribution of the Mass Media to Strengthening Peace and International Understanding, to the Promotion of Human Rights and to Countering Racism, *Apartheid* and Incitement to War,⁴⁷ adopted on 28 November 1978 by the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, as well as the relevant resolutions on information and mass communications adopted by the General Conference at its nineteenth and twentieth sessions,

Recalling the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly,⁴⁸

Taking note of the Final Act of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe, signed at Helsinki on 1 August 1975,

Recalling also the Declaration on the Preparation of Societies for Life in Peace,⁴⁹

Recalling further its resolution 32/197 of 20 December 1977 on the restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system, in which the General Assembly is recognized as the principal forum for policy-making and the harmonization of international action in respect of international economic, social and related problems,

Taking note of the recommendations on the question of information of the Sixth Conference of Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Havana from 3 to 9 September 1979,⁵⁰

Mindful of the need for the organizations of the United Nations system, in particular the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, to continue their co-operation with developing countries by assisting them in identifying and eliminating the obstacles to the establishment of greater reciprocity in the

⁴⁵ Resolution 217 A (III).

⁴⁶ Resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.

⁴⁷ United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, *Records of the General Conference, Twentieth Session*, vol. 1, *Resolutions*, pp. 100-104.

⁴⁸ Resolution S-10/2.

⁴⁹ Resolution 33/73.

⁵⁰ See A/34/542, annex, sect. I, paras. 280-299.

⁴² See A/34/149, annex, sect. II.

⁴³ See A/34/148 and A/34/149.

⁴⁴ See *Intergovernmental Conference on Communication Policies in Asia and Oceania, Final Report*, Paris, June 1979 (UNESCO, CC/MD/42), part five.