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### 40/160. Effects of atomic radiation

*The General Assembly,*

Recalling its resolution 913 (X) of 3 December 1955, by which it established the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation, and its subsequent resolutions on the subject, including resolution 39/94 of 14 December 1984, by which it, *inter alia*, requested the Scientific Committee to continue its work,

*Taking note with appreciation of the report of the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation,<sup>2</sup>*

*Reaffirming the desirability of the Scientific Committee continuing its work,*

*Concerned about the potentially harmful effects on present and future generations, resulting from the levels of radiation to which man is exposed,*

<sup>1</sup> For the decisions adopted on the reports of the Special Political Committee, see sect. X.B.3.

<sup>2</sup> A/40/417.

Conscious of the continued need to examine and compile information about atomic and ionizing radiation and to analyse its effects on man and his environment,

*Bearing in mind* the decision of the Scientific Committee to submit, as soon as the relevant studies are completed, shorter reports with scientific supporting documents on the specialized topics mentioned by the Committee,<sup>3</sup>

1. *Commends* the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation for the valuable contribution it has been making in the course of the past thirty years, since its inception, to wider knowledge and understanding of the levels, effects and risks of atomic radiation and for fulfilling its original mandate with scientific authority and independence of judgement;

2. *Notes with satisfaction* the continued and growing scientific co-operation between the Scientific Committee and the United Nations Environment Programme;

3. *Requests* the Scientific Committee to continue its work, including its important co-ordinating activities, to increase knowledge of the levels, effects and risks of ionizing radiation from all sources;

4. *Endorses* the Scientific Committee's intentions and plans for its future activities of scientific review and assessment on behalf of the General Assembly;

5. *Requests* the Scientific Committee to continue at its next session the review of the important problems in the field of radiation and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-first session;

6. *Requests* the United Nations Environment Programme to continue providing support for the effective conduct of the Scientific Committee's work and for the dissemination of its findings to the General Assembly, the scientific community and the public;

7. *Expresses its appreciation* for the assistance rendered to the Scientific Committee by Member States, the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and non-governmental organizations, and invites them to increase their co-operation in this field;

8. *Invites* Member States, the organizations of the United Nations system and non-governmental organizations concerned to provide further relevant data about doses, effects and risks from various sources of radiation, which would greatly help in the preparation of the Scientific Committee's future reports to the General Assembly.

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#### 40/161. Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Population of the Occupied Territories

##### A

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 38/79 A of 15 December 1983 and 39/95 A of 14 December 1984,

*Taking note* of the report of the International Committee of the Red Cross of 13 December 1983,<sup>4</sup>

*Taking note also* of the report of the Secretary-General of 30 September 1985,<sup>5</sup>

*Taking note further* of the report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Population of the Occupied Territories,<sup>6</sup>

1. *Calls upon* Israel to release all Arabs arbitrarily detained and/or imprisoned as a result of their struggle for self-determination and for the liberation of their territories;

2. *Notes* the initial release of Ziyad Abu Eain, among others, from prison on 20 May 1985;

3. *Deplores* the Israeli subsequent arbitrary detention of Ziyad Abu Eain and others;

4. *Demands* that the Government of Israel, the occupying Power, rescind its action against Ziyad Abu Eain and others and release them immediately;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly as soon as possible and not later than the beginning of its forty-first session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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##### B

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* Security Council resolution 465 (1980) of 1 March 1980, in which, *inter alia*, the Council affirmed that the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War, of 12 August 1949,<sup>7</sup> is applicable to the Arab territories occupied by Israel since 1967, including Jerusalem,

*Recalling also* its resolutions 3092 A (XXVIII) of 7 December 1973, 3240 B (XXIX) of 29 November 1974, 3525 B (XXX) of 15 December 1975, 31/106 B of 16 December 1976, 32/91 A of 13 December 1977, 33/113 A of 18 December 1978, 34/90 B of 12 December 1979, 35/122 A of 11 December 1980, 36/147 A of 16 December 1981, 37/88 A of 10 December 1982, 38/79 B of 15 December 1983 and 39/95 B of 14 December 1984,

*Considering* that the promotion of respect for the obligations arising from the Charter of the United Nations and other instruments and rules of international law is among the basic purposes and principles of the United Nations,

*Bearing in mind* the provisions of the Geneva Convention,

*Noting* that Israel and the Arab States whose territories have been occupied by Israel since June 1967 are parties to that Convention,

*Taking into account* that States parties to the Convention undertake, in accordance with article 1 thereof, not only to respect but also to ensure respect for the Convention in all circumstances,

1. *Reaffirms* that the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War, of 12 August 1949, is applicable to the Palestinian and other Arab territories occupied by Israel since 1967, including Jerusalem;

2. *Condemns once again* the failure of Israel, the occupying Power, to acknowledge the applicability of that Convention to the territories it has occupied since 1967, including Jerusalem;

3. *Strongly demands* that Israel acknowledge and comply with the provisions of that Convention in the Palestin-

<sup>3</sup> A/38/142, para. 5.

<sup>4</sup> See A/38/735.

<sup>5</sup> A/40/686.

<sup>6</sup> See A/40/702.

<sup>7</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 75, No. 973, p. 287.