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Report of the Secretary-General

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Addendum

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Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic

[Original: Russian]

[31 July 1981]

1. The Byelorussian SSR supported resolution 40/168 A to C, in which the General Assembly roundly condemned Israel's expansionist aggressive policy towards the Arab countries and the Palestinian people, Israel's occupation of Palestinian and other Arab territories, and its failure to comply with many resolutions of the Security Council and the General Assembly and its obligations under the United Nations Charter.

2. The events taking place in the Middle East are clear evidence that, as in the past, Israel is committing gross violations of international law and the standards of civilized State behaviour. This corroborates the General Assembly's conclusion, presented in the resolution, that Israel is not a peace-loving State and is not carrying out its obligations under the Charter or those arising from its membership in the Organization.

3. Resolution 40/168 A rightly emphasizes that strategic co-operation between the United States of America and Israel and American military and economic support for Israel are encouraging Israel to pursue its aggressive and expansionist policies, hampering the establishment of a comprehensive, just and lasting peace in the Middle East and threatening the security of the region. Relying on United States support, Israel is engaging in acts of State terrorism against Arab countries and the Palestinian people. This year the United States has also prevented the adoption by the Security Council of resolutions condemning Israel for outrages in the occupied Arab territories and its plunder of Lebanon.

4. The Byelorussian SSR has always supported the just demands of the Palestinian people and their inalienable right to self-determination, including the establishment of their own State: it will continue to do so.

5. Regarding the specific paragraphs (paras. 7 and 11 of resolution 40/168 A, 13 and 14 of resolution 40/168 B and 3 of resolution 40/168 C) to which the Secretary-General's note refers, the Byelorussian SSR adheres strictly to these Provisions of resolution 40/168 A to C, maintains no relations with Israel and provides it with no assistance of any kind.

6. The events of the recent past have once again shown the bankruptcy of separate capitulatory deals and confirmed the need to attain a comprehensive, just and lasting settlement in the Middle East with the participation of all interested parties, including the Palestine Liberation Organization, by calling an international conference on the Middle East as indicated in resolution 40/168 A.

GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

(Or iginal: English)

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1. The German Democratic Republic is deeply concerned at the most recent developments in the Middle East and in the southern Mediterranean, as well as at the adverse effects they have on the international situation. These events have shown that on account of imperialist power politics and adventurism world peace has become more vulnerable rather than safer. The situation in the Middle East, which has endangered peace for years and which is marked by the continued Israeli aggression and the denial of the Palestinian's right to establish a State of their own, threatens to get out of control. But, it must not come to this. What is required are political will and readiness to settle conflicts and disputes between the States peacefully and in the interests of their peoples, as well as statesmanlike wisdom and prudence.

2. As a party to the Warsaw Treaty the German Democratic Republic strongly rejects recourse to force in international affairs, especially the use of weapons. Acts such as the military attack against the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and the threat against other sovereign States, notably the Syrian Arab Republic and the Islamic Republic of Iran, hold the risk of uncontrollable escalation of international tensions, which would inevitably have a negative impact on the situation in Europe and the world at large.

3. It is imperative to prevent humanity from being plunged into the inferno of a new world conflagration, from which there would be no escape. The German Democratic Republic most resolutely opposes attempts by imperialist forces, whatever their pretexts, to fuel international tensions in an effort to justify their policies of massive arms build-up and confrontation, claims for supremacy, and interference in internal affairs of other States. In this nuclear and space age the maintenance of peace has more than ever before become the central and overriding issue. A new approach to the settlement of international conflicts and to the questions of war and peace in general as well as responsible action are categorically imperative in international relations today.

4. The German Democratic Republic is firmly convinced that a comprehensive, just and lasting peace in the Middle East can only be achieved through collective efforts of all interested parties. It advocates the proposal of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to convene an International Conference on the Middle East under the auspices of the United Nations, in which all interested parties should participate, including the Palestine Liberation Organization as the sole, legitimate representative of the Palestinian people. My country continues to believe that a comprehensive, just and lasting settlement of the conflict calls for the immediate and unconditional withdrawal by Israel from all territories occupied since 1967, the full exercise by the Palestinian people of its inalienable national rights, including its right to self-determination and to establish an independent State of its own, and the full exercise by all States in the region of the right to security and independent existence.

5. Any attempt at evading these basic requirements with political manoeuvres serves to heighten tensions in the region. History has shown that time and again. The German Democratic Republic strongly condemns Israel's continued occupation of Arab territories. The just struggle of the Palestinian people under the leadership of the Palestine Liberation Organization for the realization of its national rights enjoys the full political, moral and material support of the people of the German Democratic Republic. This country is equally committed to securing the independence, sovereignty, unity and territorial integrity of Lebanon, as well as to the implementation of Security Council resolutions 508 (1982) and 509 (1982).

6. Also in the future, the German Democratic Republic will support the efforts undertaken by the United Nations to bring about a just solution of the Middle East problems and will actively participate in the work of such organs as the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian people.

#### UKRAINIAN SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLIC

[Original: Russian]

[13 August 1986]

1. The Ukrainian SSR is convinced that the major responsibility for maintaining the explosive focal point of tension in the Middle East lies with Israel, whose actions enjoy the full support and encouragement of the United States. It strongly condemns Israel's aggressive and expansionist policy of flouting, for four decades already, the generally accepted norms of international law and the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations, and of sabotaging the implementation of the fundamental resolutions and decisions of the Security Council and the General Assembly concerning the Middle East. This policy is the major obstacle to achieving a just and comprehensive Middle East settlement.

2. The Ukrainian SSR fully shares the conviction expressed in General Assembly resolution 40/168 that United States-Israel strategic co-operation will encourage Israel to pursue its aggressive and expansionist policies and will adversely affect efforts to establish a comprehensive, just and lasting peace in the Middle East.

3. In connection with the General Assembly's appeal to all States Members of the United Nations to end all ties with Israel with a view to its complete isolation in all areas, the Ukrainian SSR affirms that it maintains no relations with Israel, provides it with no economic, financial, technological or other aid, does not supply any weapons or military equipment to Israel and does not purchase weapons or military equipment from Israel.

4. The Ukrainian SSR is convinced that the establishment of a lasting peace in the Middle East is possible only through the collective efforts of all concerned parties on the basis of the complete withdrawal of Israeli troops from all the Arab territories occupied since 1967, prohibition of the seizure of other people's land through aggression, the realization of the inalienable right of the Palestinian people to achieve self-determination and establish its own independent State and

the realization of the rights of all States and peoples in the area to a safe and independent existence and development,

5. The Ukrainian SSR, as has been frequently stressed in the statements of its representatives in meetings of the Security Council and the General Assembly, feels that the only effective means of achieving a comprehensive and just settlement of the Middle East problem is the convening of an International Peace Conference on the Middle East with the participation of all concerned parties, including the Palestine Liberation Organization.

6. As a member of the United Nations Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, the Ukrainian SSR actively participates in its work, which is aimed at achieving comprehensive support for the just struggle against Israel's aggressive policies and at bringing about a comprehensive settlement in the Middle East.

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