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The General Assembly,

Recognizing that the problem of the Palestinian Arab refugees has arisen from the denial of their inalienable rights under the Charter of the United Nations and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,

Recalling its resolution 2535 B (XXIV) of 10 December 1969, in which it reaffirmed the inalienable rights of the people of Palestine, its resolutions 2672 C (XXV) of 8 December 1970 and 2792 D (XXVI) of 6 December 1971, in which it recognized that the people of Palestine are entitled to equal rights and self-determination in accordance with the Charter, and its resolutions 2649 (XXV) of 30 November 1970 and 2787 (XXVI) of 6 December 1971, in which it recognized that the people of Palestine are entitled to the right of self-determination,

Bearing in mind the principle of equal rights and self-determination of peoples enshrined in Articles 1 and 55 of the Charter and more recently reaffirmed in the Declaration on Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Co-operation among States in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations¹⁸ and in the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security,¹⁹

1. *Affirms* that the people of Palestine are entitled to equal rights and self-determination, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations;

2. *Expresses once more its grave concern* that the people of Palestine have not been permitted to enjoy their inalienable rights and to exercise their right to self-determination;

3. *Recognizes* that full respect for and realization of the inalienable rights of the people of Palestine are indispensable for the establishment of a just and lasting peace in the Middle East.

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The General Assembly,

Having noted that the present membership of the Advisory Commission of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, established pursuant to its resolutions 302 (IV) of 8 December 1949 and 720 B (VIII) of 27 November 1953, is composed of Belgium, Egypt, France, Jordan, Lebanon, the Syrian Arab Republic, Turkey, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America,

Noting further that it is in the general interest that other contributing countries join the Advisory Commission,

Decides to include Japan in the membership of the Advisory Commission of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East.

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¹⁸ See resolution 2625 (XXV), annex.

¹⁹ Resolution 2734 (XXV).

2964 (XXVII). Working Group on the Financing of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 2656 (XXV) of 7 December 1970, 2728 (XXV) of 15 December 1970 and 2791 (XXVI) of 6 December 1971,

Having considered the report of the Working Group on the Financing of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East,²⁰

Taking into account 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 1971 to 30 June 1972,²¹

Recognizing with grave concern that the financial situation of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East continues to be acute, thereby endangering the already minimum services being provided to Palestine refugees,

Emphasizing the continuing need for extraordinary efforts in order to maintain, at least at their present level, the activities of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East,

1. *Commends* the Working Group on the Financing of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East for its work;

2. *Notes with appreciation* the report of the Working Group;

3. *Endorses* the conclusion of the Working Group that further vigorous and constant fund-raising activities on behalf of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East are essential;

4. *Requests* the Working Group to continue its efforts, in co-operation with the Secretary-General and the Commissioner-General, for the financing of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East for a further period of one year;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide the necessary services and assistance to the Working Group for the conduct of its work.

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2965 (XXVII). Comprehensive review of the whole question of peace-keeping operations in all their aspects

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 2006 (XIX) of 18 February 1965, 2053 A (XX) of 15 December 1965, 2249 (S-V) of 23 May 1967, 2308 (XXII) of 13 December 1967, 2451 (XXIII) of 19 December 1968, 2670 (XXV) of 8 December 1970 and 2835 (XXVI) of 17 December 1971,

²⁰ Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Annexes, agenda item 40, document A/8849.

²¹ *Ibid.*, Twenty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 13 (A/8713 and Corr.1 and 2).

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.

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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.