REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE ISRAELI PRACTICES AFFECTING THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF THE POPULATION OF THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES

Report of the Special Political Committee

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1. At its 1909th plenary meeting, held on 18 November, the General Assembly decided to allocate to the Special Political Committee the following new question: "Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Population of the Occupied Territories".

2. The Special Political Committee had before it the report of the Special Committee (A/8089) and a letter dated 13 November from the representative of Israel addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the comments of the Israeli Government on the report of the Special Committee (A/8164).

3. In a letter dated 4 December 1970 addressed to the Chairman of the Special Political Committee (A/SK/142), the representatives of Afghanistan, Indonesia, Pakistan and Saudi Arabia requested that the Palestine Arab delegation should be heard by the Special Political Committee when it considered the report of the Special Committee.

4. In accordance with the practice established at previous sessions, the Committee decided at its 749th meeting, held on 7 December, with regard to the request for participation, to authorize the persons who formed that delegation to address the Committee, without such authorization implying any recognition of the delegation.

In accordance with that decision, a statement was made on behalf of the delegation when the Committee considered that item of its agenda.
5. The Committee considered the report of the Special Committee at its 744th to 751st meetings, from 7 to 11 December 1970. At its 744th meeting, held on 7 December, the Chairman of the Special Committee introduced the report, which had been prepared in accordance with General Assembly resolution 2443 (XXIII), and made a statement on the subject.

6. At the 750th meeting, held on 11 December, the Mauritanian representative submitted a draft resolution (A/SRC/L.201) co-sponsored by Afghanistan, China, Mauritania and Pakistan, Indonesia, Mali, Mongolia and Senegal subsequently became sponsors. The text of the draft resolution is given in paragraph 8 of this report.

7. At the 751st meeting, held on 11 December, the Secretary-General submitted to the Special Political Committee, in accordance with rule 154 of the rules of procedure, a statement (A/SFC/L.202) of the administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution. At the same meeting, the Committee voted by roll call on the draft resolution. The draft resolution (A/SRC/L.201) was adopted by 49 votes to 14, with 37 abstentions (see paragraph 8 below). The result of the vote was the following:

In favour: Afghanistan, Algeria, Bulgaria, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cameroon, Congo, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Greece, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritania, Mongolia, Morocco, Nepal, Nigeria, Pakistan, People's Republic of the Congo, Poland, Romania, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Somalia, Southern Yemen, Spain, Sudan, Syria, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Republic, United Republic of Tanzania, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zambia.

Against: Canada, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Israel, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Nicaragua, Swaziland, United States of America, Uruguay.

Abstaining: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, Burma, Colombia, Denmark, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Gabon, Guyana, Haiti, Ireland, Italy, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Japan, Kenya, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Niger, Norway, Peru, Philippines, Portugal, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Sweden, Thailand, Togo, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Venezuela.
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7. At the 751st meeting, held on 11 December, the Secretary-General submitted to the Special Political Committee, in accordance with rule 19 of the rules of procedure, a statement (A/SFC/L.202) on the administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution. At the same meeting, the Committee voted by roll call on the draft resolution. The draft resolution (A/SFC/L.201) was adopted by 49 votes to 14, with 37 abstentions (see paragraph 8 below). The result of the vote was the following:

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2. Calls upon the Government of Israel to immediately implement the recommendations of the Special Committee embodied in its Report, and to comply with its obligations under the Geneva Convention Relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War of 12 August 1949, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and the relevant resolutions adopted by the various international organizations;

3. Requests the Special Committee, pending the early termination of Israeli occupation of Arab territories, to continue its work and to consult, as appropriate, with the International Committee of the Red Cross in order to ensure the safeguarding of the human rights of the population of the occupied territories;

4. Urges the Government of Israel to receive the Special Committee, co-operate with it, and facilitate its work;

5. Requests the Special Committee to report to the Secretary-General as soon as possible and whenever the need arises thereafter;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to provide the Special Committee with all the necessary facilities for the continued performance of its tasks;

7. Decides to inscribe on the provisional agenda of its twenty-sixth session an item entitled "Report (or Reports) of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Population of the Occupied Territories".