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POUR LES REFUGIES DE PALESTINE DANS LE PROCHE-ORIENT

Nations Unies  
ASSEMBLEE GENERALE

Cinquième session extraordinaire d'urgence  
Point 5 de l'ordre du jour

RESOLUTION ADOPTÉE PAR L'ASSEMBLEE GENERALE 2252(ES-V)  
PAR 116 VOIX, SANS OPPOSITION ET 2 ABSTENTIONS

Assistance humanitaire

L'Assemblée générale,

Considérant l'urgente nécessité d'alléger les souffrances infligées aux civils et aux prisonniers de guerre du fait des récentes hostilités dans le Moyen-Orient,

1. Accueille avec une grande satisfaction la résolution 237(1967) du Conseil de sécurité, en date du 14 juin 1967, dans laquelle le Conseil:

a) A considéré l'urgente nécessité d'épargner aux populations civiles et aux prisonniers de guerre dans la zone du conflit du Moyen-Orient des souffrances supplémentaires;

b) A considéré que les droits de l'homme essentiels et inaliénables doivent être respectés même dans les vicissitudes de la guerre;

c) A considéré que les parties impliquées dans le conflit doivent se conformer à toutes les obligations de la Convention de Genève relative au traitement des prisonniers de guerre, du 12 août 1949 <sup>1/</sup>;

d) A prié le Gouvernement israélien d'assurer la sûreté, le bien-être et la sécurité des habitants des zones où des opérations militaires avaient eu lieu et de faciliter le retour des habitants qui s'étaient enfuis de ces zones depuis le déclenchement des hostilités;

e) A recommandé aux gouvernements intéressés de respecter scrupuleusement les principes humanitaires régissant le traitement des prisonniers de guerre et la protection des civils en temps de guerre, tels qu'ils sont énoncés dans les Conventions de Genève du 12 août 1949 <sup>2/</sup>;

f) A prié le Secrétaire général de suivre l'application effective de la résolution et de faire rapport au Conseil de sécurité;

2. Note avec gratitude et satisfaction et approuve l'appel lancé par le Président de l'Assemblée générale le 26 juin 1967 <sup>3/</sup>;

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<sup>1/</sup> Nations Unies, Recueil des Traités, vol. 75, 1950, N° 972

<sup>2/</sup> Ibid., N°s 970 à 973.

<sup>3/</sup> A/PV.1536, p. 13 à 17

3. Note avec satisfaction l'oeuvre entreprise par le Comité international de la Croix-Rouge, la Ligue des sociétés de la Croix-Rouge et d'autres organisations bénévoles pour fournir une assistance humanitaire aux civils;
4. Note en outre avec satisfaction l'assistance que le Fonds des Nations Unies pour l'enfance fournit aux femmes et aux enfants dans la région;
5. Félicite le Commissaire général de l'Office de secours et de travaux des Nations Unies pour les réfugiés de Palestine dans le Proche-Orient de ses efforts pour poursuivre dans la situation actuelle les activités de l'Office à l'égard de toutes les personnes relevant de son mandat;
6. Approuve, compte tenu des objectifs de la résolution susmentionnée du Conseil de sécurité, les efforts déployés par le Commissaire général de l'Office de secours et de travaux des Nations Unies pour les réfugiés de Palestine dans le Proche-Orient pour fournir une assistance humanitaire, dans toute la mesure possible, à titre d'urgence et en tant que mesure temporaire, aux autres personnes de la région qui sont actuellement déplacées et ont gravement besoin d'une assistance immédiate du fait des récentes hostilités;
7. Accueille avec satisfaction l'étroite coopération entre l'Office de secours et de travaux des Nations Unies pour les réfugiés de Palestine dans le Proche-Orient et les autres organisations intéressées en vue de coordonner l'assistance;
8. Demande à tous les Etats Membres intéressés de faciliter le transport des fournitures vers toutes les zones où une assistance est fournie;
9. Fait appel à tous les gouvernements, ainsi qu'aux organisations et aux particuliers, pour qu'ils apportent des contributions spéciales, aux fins énoncées ci-dessus, à l'Office de secours et de travaux des Nations Unies pour les réfugiés de Palestine dans le Proche-Orient ainsi qu'aux autres organisations intergouvernementales et non gouvernementales intéressées;
10. Prie le Secrétaire général, agissant en consultation avec le Commissaire général de l'Office de secours et de travaux des Nations Unies pour les réfugiés de Palestine dans le Proche-Orient, de faire rapport d'urgence à l'Assemblée générale sur les besoins visés aux paragraphes 5 et 6 ci-dessus;
11. Prie en outre le Secrétaire général de suivre l'application effective de la présente résolution et de faire rapport à ce sujet à l'Assemblée générale.

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RESOLUTION 237 (1967)

Adopted by the Security Council at its 1361st meeting on 14 June 1967

The Security Council,

Considering the urgent need to spare the civil populations and the prisoners of the war in the area of conflict in the Middle East additional sufferings,

Considering that essential and inalienable human rights should be respected even during the vicissitudes of war,

Considering that all the obligations of the Geneva Convention relative to the Treatment of Prisoners of War of 12 August 1949<sup>1/</sup> should be complied with by the parties involved in the conflict,

1. Calls upon the Government of Israel to ensure the safety, welfare and security of the inhabitants of the areas where military operations have taken place and to facilitate the return of those inhabitants who have fled the areas since the outbreak of hostilities;
2. Recommends to the Governments concerned the scrupulous respect of the humanitarian principles governing the treatment of prisoners of war and the protection of civilian persons in time of war, contained in the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949;<sup>2/</sup>
3. Requests the Secretary-General to follow the effective implementation of this resolution and to report to the Security Council.

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UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND WORKS AGENCY  
FOR PALESTINE REFUGEES IN THE NEAR EAST

U.N. General Assembly

Fifth Emergency special session  
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RESOLUTION ON HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE  
ADOPTED BY THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
ON 4TH JULY 1967 BY 116 VOTES FOR, NONE AGAINST, 2 ABSTENTIONS

LETTER DATED 13 JUNE 1967 FROM THE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS (A/6717)

Resolution submitted by:  
Argentina, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Chile, Denmark, Ethiopia, Finland,  
Iceland, India, Iran, Ireland, Japan, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Rwanda,  
Sweden and Yugoslavia.

The General Assembly,

Considering the urgent need to alleviate the suffering inflicted on civilians and on prisoners of war as a result of the recent hostilities in the Middle East,

1. Welcomes with great satisfaction Security Council resolution 237 (1967) of 14 June 1967, whereby the Council:

(a) Considered the urgent need to spare the civil population and the prisoners of the war in the area of conflict in the Middle East additional sufferings;

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(f) Requested the Secretary-General to follow the effective implementation of the resolution and to report to the Security Council;

2. Notes with gratitude and satisfaction and endorses the appeal made by the President of the General Assembly on 26 June 1967;

3. Notes with gratification the work undertaken by the International Committee of the Red Cross, the League of Red Cross societies and other voluntary organizations to provide humanitarian assistance to civilians;
4. Notes further with gratification the assistance that the United Nations Children's Fund is providing to women and children in the area;
5. Commends the Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East for his efforts to continue the activities of the Agency in the present situation with respect to all persons coming within his mandate;
6. Endorses, bearing in mind the objectives of the above-mentioned Security Council Resolution, the efforts of the Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East to provide humanitarian assistance, as far as practicable, on an emergency basis and as a temporary measure, to other persons in the area who are at present displaced and are in serious need of immediate assistance as a result of the recent hostilities;
7. Welcomes the close co-operation of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East and the other organizations concerned for the purpose of co-ordinating assistance;
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9. Appeals to all Governments, as well as organizations and individuals, to make special contributions for the above purposes to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, as well as to the other inter-governmental and non-governmental organizations concerned;
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26 June 1967

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"We are all aware of the vital work which has long been sustained by the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East. The resources of UNRWA always have been slender in relation to its task. Today, in the face of a vast new tidal wave of human misery which has broken over the area, the resources both of Governments and of this United Nations agency clearly are over-taxed.

"Because of the widespread concern expressed about the refugee situation, I felt that I should try to obtain the latest information on the situation. I therefore contacted by telephone in Beirut the Commissioner-General of UNRWA, Mr. Laurence Michelmore, and he has confirmed the information contained in his recent report to the Secretary-General, which appeared as General Assembly

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"Nor can we ignore the fate of the many for whom displacement and the refugee camps have long been a way of life. We are told that, as a result of devoted and ceaseless efforts, services have been re-established at existing UNRWA camps in the area although many of the refugees from these camps who left them still have not returned in the aftermath of war. Their fate must add a further element of concern to the already grim picture of human misery.

"Through the United Nations and other humanitarian agencies, everything possible is being done, with the assistance of many Governments, to relieve the situation. However, it is evident that the funds and resources available are in no way sufficient to meet the needs and a much greater effort is called for.

"We all hear a great deal of the need for vast programmes for economic assistance and the maintenance of the balance of power, which can be of concern only to the conflicting parties. Surely, it is not too much to expect that adequate attention be paid to the humanitarian issues which are, or should be, of universal concern?

"In this painful situation, so difficult for anyone to describe who is not himself a sufferer and a participant in this tragedy, my only wish is to address the most immediate appeal to all Members, both as signators of the Charter and as morally obligated human beings, to make whatever contribution they can to ease the massive suffering of these men and women and children. For this purpose, none of us have resources so slender that his contribution will not be of some significance to those whose plight is so desperate."

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Sweden and Yugoslavia: draft resolution

Humanitarian assistance

Addendum

Add Canada and Singapore to the list of sponsors of the draft resolution.

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Humanitarian assistance

Addendum

Add Italy and Liberia to the list of sponsors of the draft resolution.

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Humanitarian assistance

Addendum

Add Afghanistan, Niger and Turkey to the list of sponsors of the draft  
resolution.

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RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

[without reference to a Main Committee (A/L.526 and Add.1-3)]

2252 (ES-V). Humanitarian assistance

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