

## IV. RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED ON THE REPORTS OF THE SPECIAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE<sup>1</sup>

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

### 34/12. 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 33/5 of 3 November 1978, in which it, *inter alia*, reaffirmed the desirability of the Scientific Committee continuing its work,

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

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

*Conscious* of the continued need for compiling information about atomic radiation as well as ionizing

<sup>2</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fourth Session, Annexes, agenda item 47, document A/34/322.*

radiation from all other sources and for analysing its effects on man and his environment,

*Noting* the intention of the Scientific Committee to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session a report reviewing, *inter alia*, the dose assessment models, natural sources of radiation, technical modified exposures to natural radiation, radon and its decay products, contamination from nuclear explosions, radioactive contamination due to nuclear power production, medical irradiation, doses from occupational exposure, dose-response relationships for radiation-induced cancer, late non-tumorous consequences of whole-body irradiation, non-stochastic effects resulting from localized irradiation and genetic effects of radiation,

1. *Commends* the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation for the valuable contribution it has made since its inception to wider knowledge and understanding of the levels, effects and risks of atomic radiation;

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

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

4. *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;

5. *Commends* the Scientific Committee for its work on selected radio-nuclides and on its objective of preparing a comprehensive document on that subject for the United Nations Environment Programme;

6. *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;

7. *Endorses* the Scientific Committee's request that Member States and the United Nations agencies and non-governmental organizations concerned should continue to supply to the Committee all relevant information, in particular data on exposures from various sources of radiation, which would greatly assist the Committee in the preparation of its report to the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session.

*61st plenary meeting  
9 November 1979*

### 34/29. Situation in the occupied territories

*The General Assembly,*

*Noting with concern* the decision of the Israeli authorities to deport the Mayor of Nablus outside the occupied Palestinian territory,

*Gravely concerned* at the resignation of the mayors of cities and towns in the occupied Palestinian territory as a result of the deportation decision,

*Expressing grave anxiety and concern* about the present serious situation in the occupied Palestinian territory as a result of the deportation decision,

1. *Calls upon* the Israeli authorities to rescind the deportation order;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly as soon as possible on the implementation of the present resolution.

*71st plenary meeting  
16 November 1979*

### 34/52. United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East

#### A

#### ASSISTANCE TO PALESTINE REFUGEES

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 33/112 A of 18 December 1978 and all previous resolutions on the question, including resolution 194 (III) of 11 December 1948,

*Taking note* of the 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 1978 to 30 June 1979,<sup>3</sup>

1. *Notes with deep regret* that repatriation or compensation of the refugees as provided for in paragraph 11 of General Assembly resolution 194 (III) has not been effected, that no substantial progress has been made in the programme endorsed by the Assembly in paragraph 2 of its resolution 513 (VI) of 26 January 1952 for the reintegration of refugees either by repatriation or resettlement and that, therefore, the situation of the refugees continues to be a matter of serious concern;

2. *Expresses its thanks* to the Commissioner-General and to all the staff of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, recognizing that the Agency is doing all it can within the limits of available resources, and also expresses its thanks to the specialized agencies and private organizations for their valuable work in assisting the refugees;

3. *Expresses its deep appreciation* to the former Commissioner-General, Mr. Thomas W. McElhiney, for his many years of effective service to the Agency and his dedication to the welfare of the refugees;

4. *Reiterates its request* that the headquarters of the Agency should be relocated within the area of its operations as soon as practicable;

5. *Notes with regret* that the United Nations Conciliation Commission for Palestine has been unable to find a means of achieving progress in the implementation of paragraph 11 of General Assembly resolution 194 (III)<sup>4</sup> and requests the Commission to exert continued efforts towards the implementation of that paragraph and to report to the Assembly as appropriate, but no later than 1 October 1980;

6. *Directs attention* to the continuing seriousness of the financial position of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, as outlined in the report of the Commissioner-General;

7. *Notes with profound concern* that, despite the commendable and successful efforts of the Commissioner-General to collect additional contributions, this increased level of income to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, Thirty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 13 (A/34/13 and Corr.1).

<sup>4</sup> For the report of the United Nations Conciliation Commission for Palestine covering the period from 1 October 1978 to 30 September 1979, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fourth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 50, document A/34/549, annex.