

15. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the Department of Public Information continues to develop active links with a broad spectrum of international and regional news organizations to encourage more media coverage of United Nations activities;

16. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the Department of Public Information continues and further strengthens its co-operation with the non-aligned countries in the field of information, particularly with the Pool of Non-Aligned News Agencies as well as with the regional news agencies of developing countries, and in this regard requests that the Department should be adequately equipped to supply the Pool of Non-Aligned News Agencies, as well as the regional news agencies of the developing countries, with information on the activities of the United Nations system which they are disseminating;

17. *Requests* the Secretary-General to consider the possibility that the Department of Public Information should receive the daily dispatches of the Pool of Non-Aligned News Agencies and the regional news agencies of developing countries in the interest of more balance in the sources of information used by the Department;

18. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the Department of Public Information extends and strengthens its co-operation with the national news agencies of developing countries;

19. *Notes* the important role of the United Nations information centres and their unique position to co-operate directly with national media and disseminators of information in their areas;

20. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To take appropriate steps to strengthen the capacity of the information centres where needed;

(b) To present, on the basis of consultations between the Department of Public Information and other United Nations bodies concerned, drawing on the findings of the Joint Inspection Unit in its report,³⁹ the Secretary-General's comments thereon⁴⁰ and the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on co-ordination in the field of public information activities,⁴¹ a study on ways and means to enhance the role of the information centres, along policy guidelines set by the General Assembly, focusing on measures to increase the functional flexibility of the centres, enable them to adjust their work to the needs and wishes of the countries concerned, enhance the effectiveness of their work and improve the co-ordination of their activities as the decentralized part of the structure of the Department of Public Information;

21. *Reaffirms* the importance of the role played by *Development Forum* and its decision that the continued publication of that periodical as an interagency project is essential and requests the Secretary-General to conclude his review of its financial status, to continue to seek to ensure long-term financial support for that publication from the organizations of the United Nations system and to report on this subject to the Committee on Information at its next session;

22. *Stresses* the importance of the presentation in United Nations publications of various points of view and experiences, in particular information about the efforts of the developing countries towards their economic, social and cultural progress;

23. *Requests* the Secretary-General as far as possible within existing resources to implement fully the recommendations of the Committee on Information as well as to

continue implementation of the recommendations set out in section III of General Assembly resolution 35/201 and of the recommendations of the *Ad Hoc* Working Group of the Committee on Information⁴² as approved by the Assembly in its resolution 35/201;

24. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report on the progress made in implementing the recommendations mentioned in paragraph 23 above to the Committee on Information at its next substantive session;

25. *Requests* the Committee on Information to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session;

26. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report on the implementation of the present resolution to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session;

27. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of the thirty-seventh session the item entitled "Questions relating to information".

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36/150. Israel's decision to build a canal linking the Mediterranean Sea to the Dead Sea

The General Assembly,

Recalling the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War, of 12 August 1949,⁴³

Reaffirming the applicability of the Geneva Convention to all Arab territories occupied by Israel since 1967, including Jerusalem,

Taking into account that the Israeli project to build a canal linking the Mediterranean Sea and the Dead Sea is in violation of the rules of international law, in particular those relating to the fundamental rights and duties of States,

Also taking into account that this project, if completed, will cause direct and irreparable damage to the rights and the legitimate vital interests of Jordan and of the Palestinian people,

Expressing concern that the proposed canal, to be constructed partly through the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967, will violate the principles of international law.

1. *Demands* that Israel cease forthwith the implementation of its project of a canal linking the Mediterranean Sea and the Dead Sea;

2. *Requests* the Security Council to consider initiating measures to halt the execution of this project;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare and submit to the General Assembly and the Security Council, by 30 June 1982, a study on the Israeli canal and its effects on Jordan and the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967;

4. *Calls upon* all States not to assist, either directly or indirectly, in the preparation for and the execution of this project and to urge the compliance of national and international corporations to this effect;

5. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-seventh session the item entitled "Israel's decision to build a canal linking the Mediterranean Sea to the Dead Sea".

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³⁹ A/34/379.

⁴⁰ A/34/379/Add.1.

⁴¹ A/36/218.

⁴² *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 21 (A/35/21), annex, sect V.*

⁴³ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 75, No. 973, p. 287.