

the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People under rule 39 of the provisional rules of procedure.

At its 2772nd meeting, on 14 December 1987, the Council decided to invite the representatives of Egypt, Jordan, Kuwait, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the Syrian Arab Republic to participate, without vote, in the discussion of the question.

At the same meeting, the Council also decided, at the request of the representative of the United Arab Emirates,¹⁷ to extend an invitation to Mr. Clovis Maksoud under rule 39 of the provisional rules of procedure.

At its 2773rd meeting, on 15 December 1987, the Council decided to invite the representatives of Bahrain, Cuba, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Iraq and Pakistan to participate, without vote, in the discussion of the question.

At the same meeting, the Council also decided, at the request of the representative of Kuwait,¹⁸ to extend an invitation to Mr. Ahmed Engin Ansay under rule 39 of the provisional rules of procedure.

At its 2774th meeting, on 16 December 1987, the Council decided to invite the representatives of Algeria, Democratic Yemen, India, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Tunisia, Yemen and Yugoslavia to participate, without vote, in the discussion of the question.

At its 2775th meeting, on December 17 1987, the Council decided to invite the representatives of Afghanistan, Czechoslovakia, the German Democratic Republic, Morocco, the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Viet Nam and Zimbabwe to participate, without vote, in the discussion of the question.

At its 2776th meeting, on 18 December 1987, the Council decided to invite the representative of Nicaragua to participate, without vote, in the discussion of the question.

Resolution 605 (1987)

of 22 December 1987

The Security Council,

Having considered the letter dated 11 December 1987 from the Permanent Representative of Democratic Yemen to

¹⁷ Document S/19339, incorporated in the record of the 2772nd meeting.

¹⁸ Document S/19344, incorporated in the record of the 2773rd meeting.

the United Nations.¹⁹ in his capacity as Chairman of the Group of Arab States at the United Nations for the month of December.

Bearing in mind the inalienable rights of all peoples recognized by the Charter of the United Nations and proclaimed by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,²⁰

Recalling its relevant resolutions on the situation in the Palestinian and other Arab territories, occupied by Israel since 1967, including Jerusalem, and including its resolutions 446 (1979), 465 (1980), 497 (1981) and 592 (1986).

Recalling also the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War, of 12 August 1949,²¹

Gravely concerned and alarmed by the deteriorating situation in Palestinian and other Arab territories occupied by Israel since 1967, including Jerusalem.

Taking into account the need to consider measures for the impartial protection of the Palestinian civilian population under Israeli occupation.

Considering that the current policies and practices of Israel, the occupying Power, in the occupied territories are bound to have grave consequences for the endeavours to achieve comprehensive, just and lasting peace in the Middle East,

1. *Strongly deplores* those policies and practices of Israel, the occupying Power, which violate the human rights of the Palestinian people in the occupied territories, and in particular the opening of fire by the Israeli army, resulting in the killing and wounding of defenceless Palestinian civilians;

2. *Reaffirms* that the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War, of 12 August 1949, is applicable to the Palestinian and other Arab territories occupied by Israel since 1967, including Jerusalem;

3. *Calls once again upon* Israel, the occupying Power, to abide immediately and scrupulously by the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War, and to desist forthwith from its policies and practices that are in violation of the provisions of the Convention;

4. *Calls furthermore* for the exercise of maximum restraint to contribute towards the establishment of peace;

5. *Stresses* the urgent need to reach a just, durable and peaceful settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to examine the present situation in the occupied territories by all means available to him, and to submit a report no later than 20 January 1988 containing his recommendations on ways and means for ensuring the safety and protection of the Palestinian civilians under Israeli occupation;

7. *Decides* to keep the situation in the Palestinian and other Arab territories occupied by Israel since 1967, including Jerusalem, under review.

Adopted at the 2777th meeting by 14 votes to none, with 1 abstention (United States of America).

¹⁹ *Official Records of the Security Council, Forty-second Year, Supplement for October, November and December 1987*, document S/19333.

²⁰ General Assembly resolution 217 A (III).

²¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 75, No. 973.