

Decisions

At its 2259th meeting, on 19 December 1980, the Council decided to invite the representatives of Egypt, Israel and Kuwait to participate, without vote, in the discussion of the item entitled "The situation in the occupied Arab territories".

At the same meeting, the Council also decided, by a vote, that an invitation be accorded to the representative of the Palestine Liberation Organization to participate in the debate and that that invitation would confer upon it the same rights of participation as those conferred on a Member State when it was invited to participate under rule 37 of the provisional rules of procedure.

Adopted by 10 votes to 1 (United States of America), with 4 abstentions (France, Norway, Portugal, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland).

At the same meeting, the Council further decided, at the request of the representative of Tunisia,⁵⁷ to extend invitations to Mr. Clovis Maksoud, Mr. Fahd Qawasma and Mr. Mohamed Milhem under rule 39 of the provisional rules of procedure.

Resolution 484 (1980)

of 19 December 1980

The Security Council,

Recalling its resolutions 468 (1980) and 469 (1980),

Taking note of General Assembly resolution 35/122 F of 11 December 1980,

Expressing its grave concern at the expulsion by Israel of the Mayor of Hebron and the Mayor of Halhoul,

1. *Reaffirms* the applicability of the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War, of 12 August 1949,²² to all the Arab territories occupied by Israel in 1967;

⁵⁷ Documents S/14305 and S/14304, incorporated in the record of the 2259th meeting.

2. *Calls upon* Israel, the occupying Power, to adhere to the provisions of the Convention;

3. *Declares it imperative* that the Mayor of Hebron and the Mayor of Halhoul be enabled to return to their homes and resume their responsibilities;

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

Adopted unanimously at the 2260th meeting.

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In a letter dated 15 December 1980,⁵⁸ the Secretary-General informed the President of the Council of his intention, subject to the usual consultations and to the extension by the Council of the respective mandates, to make the following changes in the commands of the United Nations peace-keeping operations in the Middle East:

(a) Major-General Erkki R. Kaira, of Finland, the current Chief of Staff of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization (UNTSO), would replace Major-General Guenther Greindl as Commander of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force;

(b) Major-General Emmanuel A. Erskine, of Ghana, Commander of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL), would be reassigned as Chief of Staff of UNTSO with the additional function of representing the Secretary-General for matters relating to United Nations peace-keeping operations in the Middle East;

(c) Major-General William Callaghan, of Ireland, would replace General Erskine as Commander of UNIFIL.

The President, after consultations with the members of the Council, addressed the following reply to the Secretary-General:

"I have brought your letter dated 15 December 1980 to the attention of the members of the Security Council. They considered the matter in consultations on 17 December and agreed with the proposals contained in your letter.

"The Chinese representative has informed me that China, not having participated in the voting on the relevant resolutions, dissociates itself from this matter."⁵⁹

⁵⁸ *Official Records of the Security Council, Thirty-fifth Year, Supplement for October, November and December 1980*, document S/14308.

⁵⁹ S/14309.